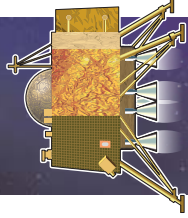




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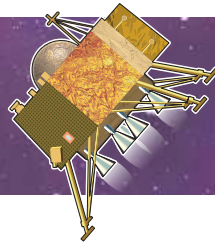
## 'The 15 minutes of terror'

No mission in the past has attempted a soft-landing near the South Pole of the lunar surface. India's Chandrayaan-2 aims to do so between 1.30 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. today. A look at the last 15 minutes of the lander Vikram's journey:



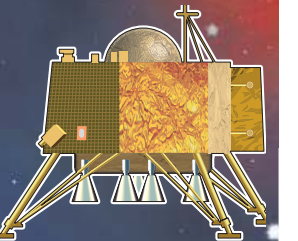
## 30 km above the moon

At this point, Vikram's throttleable engines will fire, marking the beginning of its descent. The engines will decelerate the lander in stages as it descends towards the moon's surface



## Getting into position

Using the controls in the throttleable engines, the lander will be prepared for vertical descent. Vikram is equipped with sensors which will sweep the topography of the touchdown spot to avoid craters, boulders and slopes



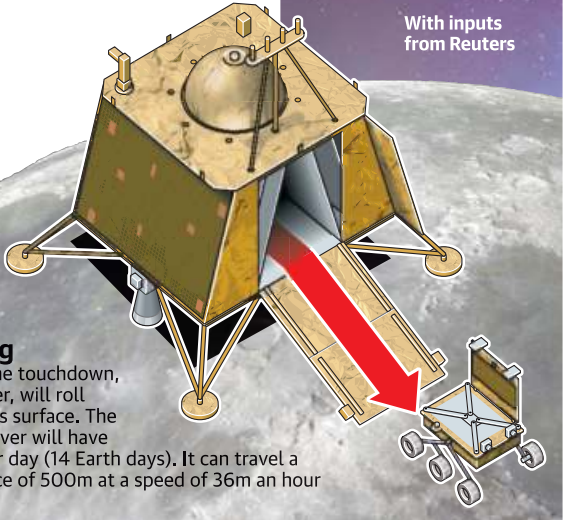
## Final touchdown

The engines will be shut off when the lander is about 2 m from the lunar surface, from where it will be allowed to fall free. A central thruster will be used to reduce the vertical velocity and blow off lunar dust to prevent clouding after the soft-landing



## Hello, South Pole!

The soft-landing will be attempted between two craters, Manzinus C and Simpelius N. The region is estimated to hold 100 mn tonnes of water, and is untouched by sunlight for billions of years, thus offering an undisturbed record of the solar system's origins



## After landing

4.5 hours after the touchdown, Pragyan, the rover, will roll out on the moon's surface. The solar-powered rover will have a life of one lunar day (14 Earth days). It can travel a maximum distance of 500m at a speed of 36m an hour

## IN BRIEF



## Aircel-Maxis case hearing adjourned

NEW DELHI In an unprecedented happening, a Delhi court on Friday adjourned sine die the hearing in the Aircel-Maxis corruption and money laundering cases against former Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram and his son Karti.

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## Zimbabwe's former President Mugabe dies

HARARE Robert Mugabe, the first Prime Minister and later President of independent Zimbabwe, who traded the mantle of liberator for the armour of a tyrant and presided over the decline of one of Africa's most prosperous lands, died on Friday. He was 95.

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## Former Pakistan spinner Abdul Qadir passes away

LAHORE Former Pakistan spinner Abdul Qadir, credited with reviving the art of leg-spin bowling in the 1970s and 1980s, died of a heart attack in his home town Lahore, his son said on Friday.

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# Madras High Court Chief Justice to resign

Upset over transfer to Meghalaya

MOHAMED IMRANULLAH S.  
CHENNAI



Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani

Madras High Court Chief Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani, the senior-most High Court judge in the country, has decided to put in her papers in the wake of a decision taken by the Supreme Court Collegium (comprising top five judges) to transfer her from the chartered High Court to a relatively small High Court of Meghalaya.

She made her decision public on Friday night during a dinner hosted by six Madras High Court judges, who were made permanent recently.

The dinner party was held at the Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy building here and was attended by almost all judges of the High Court, barring a few who had been deputed to the Madurai Bench.

Thanking the puisne

judges for their cooperation ever since she took over as the Chief Justice on August 12 last year, Justice Tahilramani told them that she had discharged her duty without any fear or favour right from the time she assumed office as a judge of the Bombay High Court in June 2001. She had also served as an acting Chief Justice of her parent High Court on three different occasions between 2015 and 2018.

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## Free metro ride for women unviable: SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday voiced scepticism about the Delhi government's scheme to make metro rides free for women, saying the move may become financially unviable for the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation. A Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra said rather than handing out sops, the government should make proper use of public money.

"Why should anyone be given free rides? Who will bear the losses?" he asked.

The court said the financial health of the DMRC should be of prime concern for the Delhi government as the metro is an essential mode of public transport in the city. However, in a relief for the Delhi government, the court said the Centre should equally share the land costs for the Phase IV project of the Delhi Metro.

# SIT finds multiple lapses in Pehlu Khan case probe

Stage set for appeal in Rajasthan HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
JAIPUR

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Rajasthan police, constituted to review the original investigation of the Pehlu Khan lynching case which resulted in the acquittal of all the six accused by a sessions court in Alwar last month, has found multiple lapses and irregularities in the probe.

The 84-page SIT report, submitted to Director General of Police Bhupendra Singh on Thursday, could set the stage for an appeal against the trial court's judgment in the Rajasthan High Court. After the trial court's indictment of the Investigating Officers (IOs), the Congress government, headed by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, drew criticism for not correcting the course of the probe during the seven months of its tenure prior to the judgment.

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Pehlu Khan

The SIT, headed by Deputy Inspector-General of Police (Special Operations Group) Nitin Deep Blagdan, was formed on August 16 after the State government decided to challenge the sessions court's August 14 verdict through an appeal. Police officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the SIT had found lacunae in the investigation as well as some laxity in the prosecution.

# Another IAS officer quits from service

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
MANGALURU

Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner S. Sasikanth Senthil, a 2009 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer of the Karnataka cadre, resigned from the ser-

vice on Friday, stating that it would be "unethical" on his part to continue in service "when the fundamental building blocks of our diverse democracy are being compromised in an unprecedented manner".

"I also feel strongly that the coming days will present extremely difficult challenges to the basic fabric of our nation," he said in a statement.

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# News majors to fight disinformation

The Hindu joins BBC and others in global campaign against fake narratives

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI

The Hindu is partnering with the BBC and other leading global news and technology organisations in a new industry collaboration to tackle disinformation. The collaboration was announced by the BBC and the partners in the early hours of Saturday.

Under this collaboration, news and technology majors will work together to protect their audiences and users from disinformation, particularly around crucial events such as elections.

Earlier this year, the BBC convened a "Trusted News



Summit', bringing together senior figures from major global technology firms and publishing.

It was precipitated by events such as the Indian elections, which highlighted the dangers of disinfor-

mation and underlined the importance of working together.

The summit agreed to work collectively on various initiatives, including creating systems where organisations can warn each other

quickly when they discover disinformation that threatens human life or disrupts elections. The emphasis of the 'early warning system' will be on moving quickly and collectively to undermine disinformation before it can take hold.

The summit also agreed to work towards a joint online media education campaign, and also to co-operate on election-related information such as explaining how and where to vote. "Disinformation and so-called fake news is a threat to us all. At its worst, it can present a serious threat to democracy and

even to people's lives. This summit has shown a determination to take collective action to fight this problem and we have agreed [upon] some crucial steps towards this," said Tony Hall, Director-General of the BBC and European Broadcasting Union (EBU) president.

The BBC's partners who attended the summit were the EBU, Facebook, Financial Times, First Draft, Google, The Hindu, and the Wall Street Journal. Other partners were AFP, CBC/Radio-Canada, Microsoft, Reuters, the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, and Twitter.

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# Dengue cases down by 80%

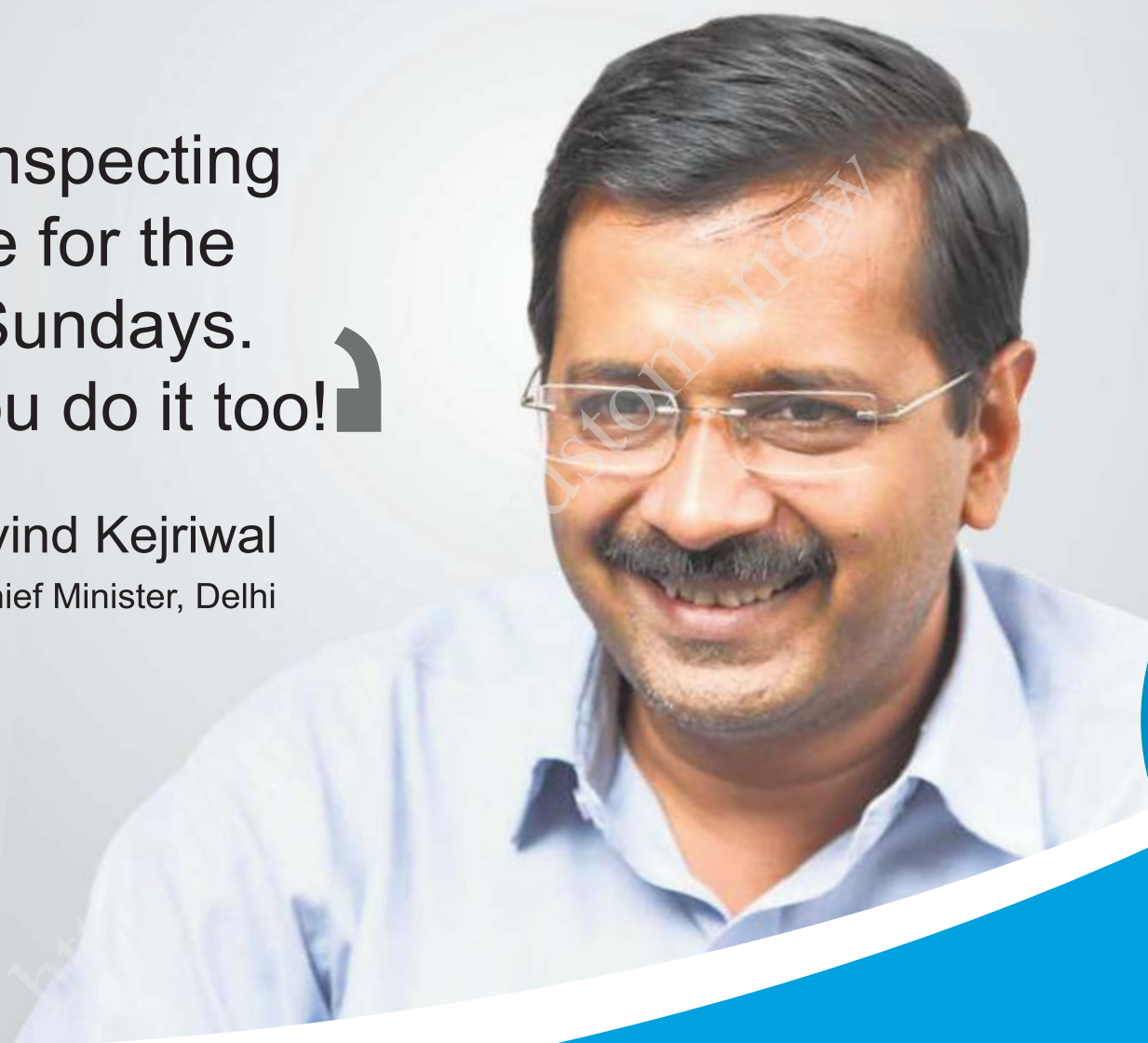
2015 : 15,867 cases

2018 : 2,798 cases

**Delhi is prepared once again!**

“I will be inspecting my house for the next 10 Sundays. I hope you do it too!”

- Arvind Kejriwal  
Chief Minister, Delhi



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Dear Delhiites,  
This year too, we have to come together to fight against Dengue.  
1st September onwards.

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## Know about Dengue

- The Dengue mosquito breeds in stagnant clean water.
- The Dengue mosquito grows from an egg into a mosquito in 8-10 days. If clean water is not allowed to stand, the mosquito will not be able to breed.
- The Dengue mosquito's flight range is approximately 200 meters. If someone in your house contracts Dengue, then it is likely that the mosquitoes have either originated from your or your neighbour's house. It is important to check your home and also that of your neighbours for your family's health and wellbeing.

## 10 minutes, every Sunday

- For the next 10 weeks, we all need to set aside 10 minutes at 10 o'clock every Sunday. Check flower pots, coolers, vases or anywhere inside or outside your house to make sure that clean water has not accumulated. If you find there is an accumulation of clean water, pour it out, change it or add petrol or oil to it.

## Just 10 Sundays

- Most Dengue cases occur in the monsoon or just after that. During this period, there are 10 Sundays. If we dedicate 10 minutes at 10 o'clock every Sunday for this, we can get rid of Dengue and Chikungunya. We need to spend less than two hours over 10 weeks. In the last five years, Dengue and Chikungunya have been brought under control, and this year, we will do it again!

## Let's come together!

- If you have inspected your house, do take a selfie inside your house and WhatsApp it to 8287972050. Together, we will make Delhi Dengue-free.

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RFID system:  
traffic down  
by 13% at eight  
border points

**SIDHARTH RAVI**  
NEW DELHI  
The total traffic entering Delhi through at least eight border points, where Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) systems were installed since July, has gone down by 13% in the month of August compared to July, data from the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) shows.

Though the RFID systems were launched at 13 border points, a senior official said that it had become operational at eight border points since July. As many as 6,50,658 vehicles passed through the border points in July, while the number reduced to 5,60,815 in August.

The largest drop in number of vehicles entering Delhi is at Rajkori border where nearly 40,000 fewer vehicles entered the city in August. In percentage terms, the largest drop is seen at Kapashera border with 23.9% fewer vehicles entering through here.

The RFID system was installed with the purpose to effectively charge toll tax and environmental congestion charge and to thus encourage diversion of vehicles simply passing through Delhi. The project was carried out under the directions of the Supreme Court.

A clear picture of the impact of the system on vehicles entering the city would be determined based on the data from the current month, the official said. However, the project is facing a major issue as very few people with RFIDs are conducting transactions through it. While about 3,30,000 vehicles had been registered, data from the SDMC shows that only 860 transactions had taken place through RFIDs so far.

Kejriwal seeks suggestions from  
Delhiites to reduce pollution

CM quotes govt. data to highlight pollution has dipped by 25% over the last 3 years

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday sought suggestions from citizens to reduce pollution in the Capital during winter months when stubble burning in neighbouring States such as Punjab and Haryana affects its ambient air quality.

Addressing a press conference here, Mr. Kejriwal said people can send their suggestions at [cm4cleanair@gmail.com](mailto:cm4cleanair@gmail.com) till September 12 even as he quoted government data which states that air pollution in Delhi has reduced by 25% over the last three years.

“It is extremely essential to avoid the situation of Delhi becoming a gas chamber every year with the advent of winter, mainly due to stubble burning in the nearby States. I met Haryana Chief Minister as well as Union Minister for Environment and got the assurance of positive steps in this regard,” the

Breathing easier

Findings of analysis by the Centre for Science and Environment based on the data by the Central Pollution Control Board

**Annual average PM2.5 levels show drop:** The three-year (2016-18) average has dropped by 25% from the base three-year (2012-14) average



**Number of severely polluted days show drop:** Between 2011 and 2014, the number of days when PM2.5 levels fell in the severe-plus category ranged between 20-40 days during the winter months. In the same period during 2016-18, the figure fell to average 15 days

Chief Minister said at a press conference.

Action plan for winter

“At the same time, we like to know from the people about the possible steps to be taken to save our family members from the harmful effects of air pollution in Delhi. Once we receive and study these suggestions, we will present a detailed pollution action-plan of Delhi government for the upcoming winter months,” he further said.

During the peak season

from October 25 to November 20, lot of stubble-burning incidents are reported in the neighbouring States, which adds to the pollution level in the national capital, he said.

Mr. Kejriwal claimed that in the last three years, there has been 25% reduction in the overall pollution level because of a slew of measures taken by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and others, including Supreme Court, Union government, Environment Pollution (Pre-

vention and Control) Authority (EPCA) and civic bodies.

Currently, he claimed, 40 air-quality monitoring systems are operating in Delhi to get real-time data and 4,000 buses will soon be procured which will also result in reduction in pollution level. Pollution level started declining in the city since 2015, Mr. Kejriwal said, and listed measures taken by the government agencies concerned for the reduction in the air pollution level.

Alka Lamba resigns from AAP  
membership, to join Congress

Rebel AAP MLA announces her decision on social media

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Chandni Chowk legislator Alka Lamba on Friday said she had resigned from the primary membership of the party, adding that she had decided to join the Indian National Congress.

Ms. Lamba, who quit AAP's primary membership, said, she would shortly join the Congress in the presence of its president Sonia Gandhi and asked the party's leadership to accept her resignation on Twitter where she had announced her decision to quit AAP earlier during the day alleging that it had now become the “Khas [special] Aadmi Party.”

“@ArvindKejriwal Ji, your spokespersons asked me as per your desire, with full arrogance that the Party will accept My resignation even on the Twitter. So pls kindly accept My resignation from the primary membership of the ‘Aam Aadmi Party’, which is now a ‘Khas Aadmi



Alka Lamba

Party’ (sic.)” she said on Twitter.

“The time has come to say Good Bye to #AAP and to resign from the primary membership of the Party,” she said further adding that the past six years during which she was a part of AAP had been a period of “great learning” for her.

The spokesperson she was referring to was AAP MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj who said the party would accept her resignation even on Twitter.

Political career

Ms. Lamba began her political career with the Congress and was with the party for about 20 years before joining

AAP. Last month, she announced that she had made up her mind about leaving Delhi's ruling party and contesting the upcoming Delhi Assembly election as an Independent candidate.

Ms. Lamba's relationship with the party began souring after she objected to the party's decision to pass a resolution to revoke the Bharat Ratna conferred upon former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at the Delhi Assembly in December 2018, following which she was removed from AAP's list of spokespersons.

She had also refused to campaign for the party in the Lok Sabha polls and did not participate in AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal's road show after she was asked to walk behind his car during the event. After the party's defeat in the Lok Sabha polls, she had sought accountability from Mr. Kejriwal following which she was removed from the official WhatsApp group of the party MLAs.

Rapid metro firm gets nod to hand over project to HSPV

Punjab and Haryana High Court to hear the matter on September 9

**ASHOK KUMAR**  
GURUGRAM

Rapid MetroRail Gurgaon Limited (RMGL) was on Friday given permission to hand over the project to the Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), formerly Haryana Urban Development Authority, on or before September 9.

Justice (retd.) D.K. Jain, former Supreme Court Judge mandated to oversee the IL&FS resolution process in the case, also upheld the termination notice served by RMGL to HSVP in June.

In a related development, the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Friday ordered that the entire line should remain operational till September 9 midnight.

It will hear the matter on Monday.

Urgent hearing

The petition by Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation Limited and another petitioner was filed and fixed for hearing on Friday itself due to its urgent nature.

RMGL and Rapid Metro-

Rail Gurgaon South Limited (RMGSL) are the two special purpose vehicles running rapid metro since 2013 and 2017 respectively. The two SPVs had served termination notices to HSVP on June 7 alleging various breaches in concession contract by it and had given a 90-day notice as per the agreement.

The HSVP has termed the notice illegal, arbitrary and against larger public interest.

Pursuant to direction of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal order on

August 8, RMGSL and RMGL being red entities were required to seek prior approval from Mr. Jain before transferring the asset.

In the order, Mr. Jain also said that HSVP would be free to engage the services of RMGL at mutually discussed charges to run the metro link till such time appropriate or alternate arrangements were made to run the link. After September 9, it will be incumbent on HSVP to ensure operations run unhindered, said an IL&FS spokesperson.

BJP slams AAP govt. for withholding  
sanction to prosecute Kanhaiya

Party observes symbolic ‘black day’ in protest

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

The BJP observed a symbolic “black day” here on Friday in protest against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's decision to withhold sanction to Delhi Police to prosecute former Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) president Kanhaiya Kumar and others in an alleged sedition case against them.


Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari and Leader of Oppo-

sition Vijender Gupta sought to strongly criticise Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for “protecting the Tukde-Tukde Gang” and announced that they would stage a protest against his government's decision in this regard even as members of the State BJP's Intellectual Cell, led by Amit Kharkari, held a protest in front of Mr. Kejriwal's residence.


“There is great acrimony among the people of Delhi



against Kejriwal for supporting anti-national slogans...we will stage a demonstration,” Mr. Tiwari said.

“Investigation is the duty of the police and the court has to deliver justice but Kejriwal has been an obstruction between the two because he does not want the ‘Tukde-Tukde gang’ be prosecuted for sedition. Kejriwal thinks himself above the Constitution, courts and the police,” Mr. Tiwari argued.

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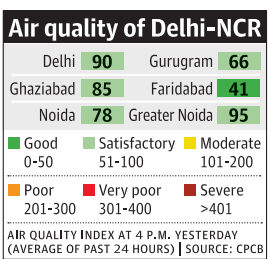
IN BRIEF

**MV Act: PUC test centres to remain open till 10 p.m.**

NEW DELHI  
In view of the massive rush of vehicles for PUC certificates caused by enhanced fine under the amended Motor Vehicle Act, the Delhi government has directed the test centres to remain open till 10 p.m. Other measures like enhancing faster PUC tests and using test centres of Delhi Transport Corporation are also being taken to handle the spike in number of vehicles, an official said. PTI

**4 law professors join Jindal Global Law School**

NEW DELHI  
Four law professors have been appointed as faculty members at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, starting next year. Professors Upendra Baxi, Mahendra Pal Singh, B.S. Chimni and B.B. Pande will be joining from the spring semester next year and will be teaching courses starting February, the university announced.



DELHI TODAY

**Talk:** Lecture on "Women and the Gift Economy: A Salute for our Times", by Genevieve Vaughan, independent feminist & social researcher. Chair: Dr. Vandana Shiva, environmentalist at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 7 p.m.

**Music:** "Music for Peace", a classical star recital by Ebadul Huq Shaikat, accompanied on the tabla by Pandit Bipal Bhattacharyya at Amaltas Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 7 p.m.

**Exhibition:** A solo painting exhibition by Ashok Baldodia at Convention Centre Foyer, India Habitat Centre (IHC), 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Exhibition:** "Index of Untold Stories", a solo show of artworks by Samit Das at Art Gallery, Annexe Building, India International Centre (IIC), 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

(Mail your listings for this column at cityed@delhi@thehindu.co.in)

# Man wanted in case that triggered Muzaffarnagar riots surrenders

He was absconding for six years; had stabbed to death man in 2013

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
GHAZIABAD

A murder accused, who had been absconding for six years in a case that is said to be one of the triggers of the Muzaffarnagar riots of 2013, surrendered in a local court in Muzaffarnagar on Friday.

Ravinder was wanted in the murder of Shah Nawaz, who was allegedly stabbed to death by six persons in Kawal village in Jansath on August 27, 2013. He was the father of Gaurav, one of the two cousins who were killed by a mob after an altercation turned violent.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Ravikant Yadav sent Ravinder to judicial custody till

It seemed Ravinder used to hide in the fields whenever the police tried to corner him. It was the pressure created by attachment of property that led to his surrender

SOMENDRA NEGI  
Circle Officer, Jansath

September 17. Five others were arrested in this case on June 5 this year when the police had gone to attach their properties on the orders of the sessions court. Ravinder's property was also

attached but he remained absconding. On August 27, 2013, two FIRs pertaining to murder were filed in Kawal. Sources said that Shah Nawaz's father, Saleem, registered a case against eight people for stabbing his son after an altercation turned violent. Following the attack on Shah Nawaz, a mob attacked Sachin and Gaurav who later succumbed to injuries. After an investigation, the police held that the mob killed the two accused, Sachin and Gaurav.

Later, Saleem approached the court to intervene in the matter. Interestingly, the six accused in the case of Sachin and Gaurav's murder were

sentenced to life imprisonment in February this year. However, the police faced criticism for not being able to bring the accused in the Shah Nawaz murder case to the court until judicial intervention forced their hand.

On Friday, Somendra Negi, Circle Officer, Jansath, said he was yet to receive the "rukka" (note). On the delay in the arrest/surrender, Mr. Negi said they had tried hard but it seemed Ravinder used to hide in the sugarcane fields whenever the police tried to corner him. It was the pressure created by "kurki" [attachment of property] that led to his surrender, he said.

# Woman filmed at garment store

'After I spent 10 minutes in the room, I was told it had camera'

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

A 27-year-old woman, a resident of New Friends Colony, alleged that she was filmed on August 31 at a garment store in Greater Kailash while she was changing, the police said. They have registered a case and begun a probe.

The woman told the police that she had gone to buy garments at the store where only four-five staffers and the owner were present at that time.

The woman said she had selected a few pieces of clothing and when she asked where the changing room was, she was directed to one. She added that she had spent about 10 minutes changing inside it, after which a female staffer came

The woman had gone to the storeroom by mistake instead of the changing room. The room had cameras for supervisory purposes

STORE OWNER

and told her that she should go to another one as that one had a CCTV camera installed. The woman then went to another room and adjusted her clothes.

**Written apology**  
Subsequently, when she asked the owner to delete the footage, he allegedly told her that he did not know how to do the same and called his son. The wo-

man then called the police. The shop owner has sent a written apology and claimed to have deleted the footage.

The owner also told the police that the woman had gone to the store room by mistake instead of the changing room and that the store room had cameras installed for supervisory purposes. He said the woman staff was sent to ask the complainant to go to the changing room for the same reason.

**Case registered**  
The police said that they have registered a case at Greater Kailash police station under IPC Section 354 C (voyeurism) and are probing the matter. No arrests have been made so far, they said.

# Train's luggage-cum-generator coach catches fire at New Delhi station

No casualty or injury reported; inquiry ordered

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

A luggage-cum-generator car attached to the Chandigarh-Kochuvali Express caught fire at New Delhi railway station on Friday afternoon. No casualties or injuries were reported.

Railways spokesperson said that the fire broke out in the rear power car of the train around 1.40 p.m. The fire brigade reached the spot site and the blaze was extinguished.

A Delhi Fire Service officer said that a call was received at 1.57 p.m. from platform number 8 of New Delhi railway station. A total of 12 fire tenders were pressed into service.

Arvind Singh, who was at the platform, said that the fire started five minutes after the train halted at the platform. The flames went so



The rear coach of the Chandigarh-Kochuvali Express caught fire on Friday. R.V. MOORTHY

high that it was touching the tin shade of the platform.

"Fearing for their lives, passengers immediately vacated the train. Railway staff swung into action and detached the generator car from the train," said Mr. Singh. After fire department doused the flames completely and ended the cooling operation, the train departed

for Nizamuddin railway station where a power car was attached to it. The train then left for Kerala's Kochuvali, its final destination.

"We have ordered an inquiry into the matter. Luggage, including two motorcycles, which were stored in the generator car were gutted in the fire," said a railway officer.

# House help's WhatsApp profile picture helps couple solve thefts

Accused was wearing employer's saree that went missing

HEMANI BHANDARI  
NEW DELHI

A WhatsApp profile picture helped an Indian Air Force wing commander and his wife solve the mystery behind their belongings vanishing from their house in Dwarka Sector 23 for a long time. The couple saw their help wearing the woman's silk saree which she had lost two years ago.

A senior police officer said that the accused, a 35-year-old woman, has been arrested. The officer said that the IAF officer and his wife, residents of Salaria Officers Enclave, approached the police regarding the matter on August 15.

The complainants told the police that they had moved to Delhi three years ago. They hired the accused house help who was asked to stay in the servants' quar-

ters with her family.

"Every now and then, valuables like gold chain, earrings, sarees would go missing from the house. They said they never suspected the house help as she had already gained their trust. She would also pretend to look for the missing items along with the family," the officer said, adding that the employers never informed the police about the incidents as there were never a "big theft".

After the wing commander was transferred to another city recently, the family started staying in Delhi on and off.

On this Raksha Bandhan, the couple were in Delhi and were about to contact the house help when they came across her WhatsApp display picture. "In the photo, she was wearing a silk sa-

ree which the wing commander's wife had lost two years ago. The couple then thought that all the jewellery and other valuables which had gone missing from the house might have been stolen by the help," the officer said, adding that the complainants then approached the police without confronting the accused.

**Valuables recovered**  
A case under relevant IPC sections was registered and a raid was conducted at the servants' quarters.

"Sarees and some jewellery, which the couple had bought from Dubai, were recovered. The accused could not sell the jewellery but sold some of the items she had stolen," the officer said, adding that the accused has been sent to judicial custody.

# Govt. asked to reply on Ayushman Bharat plea

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday sought the Delhi government's response on a plea seeking its direction to the AAP dispensation to facilitate the implementation of the Centre's flagship Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme in the Capital.

The PIL, filed by Delhi BJP media in-charge Pratyush Kanth and legal cell in-charge Surya Prakash Khatri, said Delhi must take adequate steps to tackle the rise in diseases and have a cogent medical infrastructure to cater to the emergent needs of its inhabitants.

Advocates representing the petitioners argued that the government is not implementing the scheme claiming it has a better policy but no such policy exists.

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

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Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost in Rs.	EMD	Time Limit	Cost of tender form
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4.	Restoration of Rain Damages on Indru Nag to Chohla Road km 0/000 to 1/680 in Distt. Kangra HP (SH- Balance work for C/O Breast wall with U- Shape Drain at RD 0/130 too 0/195)	622286.00	12500.00	Three Months	350/-

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3. The complete bidding process will be online on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

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1. **Sl. No. : 1**

2. **Name of Work :** Hill side cutting and Construction of culvert & R/wall in Dharkunwa to Binoli Motor Road in Gram Panchayat Seem of Block Bhakiyasen under Ranikhet Constituency in District Almora (Km 1.00 to 6.05).

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SN	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time	Cost of form (in Rs.)
1.	Providing Water Supply Scheme to village Baleser, Dainkwan & Gujjar Nallah etc. in Tehsil Indora distt. Kangra HP (SH-Supply Errection of submersible pumping machinery with its allied accessories, Providing laying, jointing and testing of rising main MSERW pipe 200mm dia ( ZINC COATED).	11064984/-	143150/-	6 Months	2500/-

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering is 16.09.2019 upto 11.00 AM. The tender forms and other detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hphiph.org](http://www.hphiph.org)

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# Properties of six motels and resorts attached

Irregularity in tax payment found

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Properties of up to six motels and resorts in areas under the North Delhi Municipal Corporation were attached on Wednesday over irregularities in payment of property tax.

The properties, which are in the Narela zone, were paying property tax based on self-assessment that they belonged to 'Category H', which paid a unit area value of ₹100. However, since the properties are commercial ventures, it was determined that they are

required to match the highest nearby unit area value, a statement from the Narela zone reads. Instead, the properties are required to pay rates of 'Category G' which come up to ₹200. The total amount of property tax involved is about ₹4.68 crore.

The audit report of the South Delhi Municipal Corporation has highlighted similar low assessment of farm-house properties in its jurisdiction. The valuation of at least four such properties led to a loss of ₹4.50 crore.

# Plea to cancel bail of ex-SC staffer dismissed

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Friday dismissed a plea to cancel the bail of the Supreme Court's former employee, who had levelled allegations of sexual misconduct against the Chief Justice of India, in a cheating and criminal intimidation case.

The Supreme Court's three-member In-House Inquiry Committee, headed by Justice S.A. Bobde, had in May this year given clean chit to the CJI as it "found no substance" in the allegations levelled against him by the woman.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Manish Khurana on Friday dismissed the application filed by Delhi Police after being informed by advocate V.K. Ohri, appearing for the accused, that the not-

ice of the application could not be served to the complainant in the case despite several attempts since earlier this year.

"Perusal of the record reveals that the complainant has not been appearing in this case and the notice issued to him could not be served. In these circumstances, no fruitful purpose will be served by keeping the application for cancellation of bail of accused pending and the same is accordingly dismissed and disposed of," the court said.

The police had sought cancellation of the bail granted to the woman on March 12, after the complainant allegedly claimed that he was being threatened by the former apex court staffer and her associates.

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Ramveer S/o** Chotte Lal, R/O H.No.108, Gali No. 8, G-Block Ratia Marg, Sangam Vihar, Delhi has been missing since 12.04.2018 at about 09:00 p.m. from Office, W.H.O. Building ITO, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 24A dated 15.04.2018, has been registered at P.S. IP Estate, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:  
**Name:** Ramveer, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 27 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Hair:** Black colour, **Wearing:** Blue colour Jeans Pant, Orange colour T-Shirt and Sports Shoes in Feet.  
If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform SHO/IP Estate, Delhi.

**Ramveer**

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Notice to the 2nd Respondent  
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Counsel for the Petitioners  
**C. VENKATESAN**, B. Com., B.L., ADVOCATE  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Property bearing EA 138, Built up house of 200 sqyds, Inder Puri, New Delhi 12.

This Public Notice is being published in furtherance to the Public Notice dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 published in The Hindu in respect of the property bearing EA 138, Inder Puri, New Delhi 12. Be it known to all concerned that my clients Sh. Somdev S/o Late Sh. Dharma Chandra and Mr. Sumet Pathak & Mr. Apoorv Pathak both sons of Sh. Somdev and all residents of EA 138, Inder Puri, New Delhi 110012 had entered into the Agreement to sale with Sh. Manoj Gupta S/o Sh. Surinder Gupta R/o 1571, Sect.5, Gurugram, HR on 20/06/2018 with the total sale consideration of Rs: 5,31,00,000/- out of which an amount of Rs; 1,72,50,000/- was paid to my clients bank accounts through RTGS and the balance amount of Rs: 4,91,00,000/- to be paid in part payment by 30/12/2018 which he failed to pay to my clients within the stipulated time.

However it has come in to the notice of my clients that the amount of Rs: 1,72,50,000/- which was paid in my clients bank accounts till Dec 2018 after many reminders to Mr. Manoj Gupta with whom the Agreement to sale was signed through a local property agent named Mr. Harish Dewan (alias) Sonu of R.C. DEWAN & CO of Inder Puri New Delhi, were actually remitted by someone named Mr. Raj Kumar Garg (alias Raju Builder), Mr. Vikas Garg and Ms. J. Jayarani through their bank accounts via RTGS in connivance with the aforementioned property agent.

A rumor has been circulated in the area by this property agent Sonu and Raju builder that he and his accomplices mentioned above purchased the property in question which is absolutely absurd, frivolous and false. As per the notice published earlier in respect of the above property no one has come forward with a claim of any nature or objected for the same within the stipulated time of the notice.

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This is to inform the General Public that the following share certificates of Praj Industries Limited Regd. Office : Praj Tower, 274 & 275, Bhunakar Chowk, Hinjewadi Road, Hinjewadi, Pune-411057. Registered in the name of the following shareholder had been lost/ misplaced.

Folio	Registered Shareholder	Share Certificate No(s)	Distinctive No(s) From - To	No. of Shares
S00628	SAROJ SINGH	1390	93052004 - 93052503	500
S00628	SAROJ SINGH	479	238056 - 238555	500

The Legal Heir i.e. Jai Prakash Singh has already lodged with the company the necessary Indemnity Bond, Affidavit & other documents for issue of duplicate cum transmission share certificates. The Public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or dealing in any way with the above referred share certificates. Any person who has any claim in respect of the said share certificates should lodge such claim with the company or its registrar & transfer agents Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. within 15 days of publication of this notice after which no claim will be entertained and the company shall proceed to issue duplicate cum transmission of these shares.

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 07/09/2019  
Jai Prakash Singh

**READ FRONTLINE EVERY FORTNIGHT**

**कार्यपाल अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, सिमडेगा युद्ध पत्र दिनांक 05.09.2019**

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि बासेन एवं आसन ग्रामीण पाईप जलापूर्ति योजना के निर्माण हेतु इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या DWSD/RPWS/SIM-09/2019-20 जो विभिन्न सामाचार पत्रों में PR-215106 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 19-20(D) द्वारा प्रकाशित है, को निम्न प्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है -

1	Date of Publication of Tender on Web Site	12/09/2019	up to 11:30 A:M:
2	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	18/09/2019	up to 3:30 P:M: in the office of Engineer in Chief Nepal house Ranchi
3	Last Date/Time For Receipt of Bid	03/10/2019	up to 03:00 P:M:
4	Last Date Of Submission of cost of BOQ & EMD (Hard Copy)	04/10/2019	up to 03:30 P:M at Office of the 1.Executive Engineer, DW&S Div. Simdega. 2. Superintending Engineer, DW&S Circle, Gumla.
5	Date Of Opening of Tender (Technical Bid)	04/10/2019	up to 04:00 P:M:

अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी। **कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, सिमडेगा**

**Directorate of Tourism**  
Government of Jharkhand  
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Ref. No.: 991/2019  
**SHORT TENDER NOTICE**  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF AN EVENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO DESIGN, DECORATION, FABRICATION, MAINTENANCE AND PR ACTIVITIES FOR JHARKHAND TOURISM STALL AT JIASOWA'S DIWALI MELA MORHABADI GROUND, RANCHI- (17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2019)

With an endeavour for promotion of tourism and culture of Jharkhand State, Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation Limited (JTDC) intends to issue this Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a reputed agency to Design, Decoration, Fabrication, Maintenance and PR Activities for Jharkhand Tourism Stall at JIASOWA'S Diwali Mela Morhabadi Ground, Ranchi scheduled from 17/10/2019 to 21/10/2019. RFP document is available at the Department of Tourism/ JTDC website "www.jharkhandtourism.gov.in". Interested parties may download the RFP documents from the website and submit their Proposals. A pre-application conference will be held on 11/09/2019 by 15:00 Hours at Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation Limited, 5, Mahatma Gandhi Marg, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834001. Interested agencies may participate for this tender and submit their proposal. **The Bid Due Date is on 20/09/2019 at 14:00 hours.** Interested agencies shall have to furnish a non-refundable Tender Processing fee amounting to Rs.2240/- (Rupees Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty only) inclusive of GST in the form of a Demand Draft in favour of "Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation Limited" of any scheduled bank, payable at "Ranchi" along with proposal. All subsequent notifications, changes and amendments will be posted only on the website www.jharkhandtourism.gov.in.

JTDC reserves the right to cancel this invitation and / or invite fresh Bid with or without amendments to this invitation, without liability or any obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reason. **Sd/- Director**

**JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED**  
(CIN - U40108JH2013-SG0001702)  
**OFFICE OF THE: General Manager Cum Chief Engineer**  
Electric Supply Area, 33/11 KV P/S/S, Daridih, Giridih, Pin- 815302  
GSTIN No.- 20AADCJ3148ADZ1, E-mail ID- gmgiridih@gmail.com

**Short E- Tender Notice**  
**e - Procurement NIT for Electric Line Materials under ADP Head for Spill Over Work**

On line tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers having adequate manufacturing capability & testing facilities or authorized dealers who are financially sound & from reputed & experienced suppliers for supply of the relevant materials conforming to standard specifications for the supply of under mentioned Electric Line Materials under ADP Head for Spill Over Work. All online tenders should be submitted online on www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Group ( NIT )	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	To be Purchase	EMD	Cost of BOQ + GST
89 /PR/BJVNL/ 19-20	1	2.5 mm2 copper 2 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr.	5100	5,300/-	750/- + @18% GST Extra
	2	2.5 mm2 copper 4 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr.	11950	20,300/-	2,500/- + @18% GST Extra
	3	2.5 mm2 copper 6 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr.	4400	15,200/-	1,250/- + @18% GST Extra
	4	2.5 mm2 copper 10 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr.	6500	23,000/-	2,500/- + @18% GST Extra
	5	2.5 mm2 copper 12 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr.	3600	15,100/-	1,250/- + @18% GST Extra

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR ABOVE NIT's		
1	Availability of tender document on website	-: From 11/09/2019 to 25/09/2019 up to 18.00 Hrs.
2	Date and time for submitting e-tender	-: From 11/09/2019 to 25/09/2019 up to 18.00 Hrs.
3	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting with bidders	-: 24/09/2019 at 12.30 P.M.
4	Last date and time of submission of original DD or hard copy of SSI/NSIC Reg. Certificate towards Cost of BOQ & EMD etc.	-: 26/09/2019 up to 17:00 Hrs
5	Date and time of opening of tender i.e. Cover-I	-: 01/10/2019 at 11:00 Hrs.

1- Guidelines for online submission of bids can be downloaded from the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in  
2- Interested bidders can download the bid from the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in  
3- Bidders have to produce the original Demand Draft or SSI/NSIC registration certificate towards tender fee & EMD as mentioned in NIT to the Accounts Officer, Electric Supply Area, Giridih before the cutoff date & time as mentioned in the NIT failing which bid will not be accepted. The details of cost of documents, EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same as submitted online (scanned copies) otherwise tender will summarily be rejected.  
4- Tender Notice is also available on our website: www.jvnl.in  
5- For any clarification please contact: 9572131658.

Sd/-  
G. M.-Cum-Chief Engineer  
ESA, Giridih  
स्वहति एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचाएँ। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को टोल फ्री नं० 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करायें।  
PR216213 (Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd)19-20\*D

**झारखण्ड औद्योगिक क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकार**  
राँची क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय  
'जियाडा भवन' नामक औद्योगिक क्षेत्र, लोवाडीह, राँची -834010 (झारखण्ड)  
Phone : 0651-2460408, Telfax:2460125, Web-riada.co.in, email-riada.m@gmail.com  
पत्रांक -1149 दिनांक-04.09.2019  
**औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों अन्तर्गत भूमि आवंटन के लिए आवेदन करने हेतु आम-सूचना**  
झारखण्ड औद्योगिक क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकार (राँची क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय) अन्तर्गत बरही, लोहरदगा, डाल्टेनगंज, मुमला, बेलचम्पा (गढ़वा), पतरातु प्रक्रम-1, बुड़मु (वकमे), हजारीबाग, सिस्के पार्क ईरबा औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में अवस्थित रिक्त भूखण्ड / शेड का आवंटन प्राधिकार द्वारा किया जाना है। इन भूखण्डों / शेडों के आवंटन हेतु online आवेदन करने की तिथि दिनांक 06/09/2019 से 20/09/2019 तक निर्धारित की गई है। निर्धारित अवधि में इच्छुक उद्यमी औद्योगिक इकाईयों की स्थापना हेतु online आवेदन Single Window System की website: www.advantage.jharkhand.gov.in पर कर सकते हैं।  
भूमि का अप्रतिदेय (Non-refundable) पोसेसिंग / स्कूटनी शुल्क क्रमशः एक एकड़ हेतु 10,000.00 रुपये, एक एकड़ से अधिक तीन एकड़ तक 25,000.00 रुपये, एवं तीन एकड़ से अधिक भूमि हेतु 50,000.00 रुपये देय होगा। शुल्क का भुगतान online किया जायेगा।  
उपरोक्त भूमि का आवंटन as is, where is के आधार पर किया जायेगा तथा तदनुसार भूमि के रिजर्व प्राइस का निर्धारण किया गया है। रिजर्व प्राइस के अतिरिक्त आवंटनी द्वारा अन्य सभी प्रकार के कर देय होंगे।  
विस्तृत जानकारी एवं रिक्त भूखण्डों की सूची www.jiada.co.in/ एवं रियाडा के सूचना पट्ट पर भी उपलब्ध है।  
PR216178 RIADA(19-20)D

**झारखंड सरकार**  
**ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0)**  
मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय  
102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची

**ई- निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**  
ई-निविदा संख्या:- 125/2019-20/RDD(RWA)/GARHWA दिनांक : 05.09.2019  
मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0), झारखंड, रांची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र० सं०	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्रामाणिक राशि (रुपये में)	अंक में	अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि
1.	RDD(RWA)/ GARHWA/18/ 2019-20	मझिआंव खजुरी मेन रोड से बिडंडा मेन रोड भागा वीरबन्धा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (लं= 8.450 कि०मी०)	2,70,44,200.00		दो करोड़ सत्तर लाख चौबीसवीं हजार दो सौ रू० मात्र	15 माह
2.	RDD(RWA)/ GARHWA/19/ 2019-20	शिवरी तीनमुहान से काण्डी ब्लॉक भागा सड़की तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (लं= 3.572 कि०मी०)	1,08,05,600.00		एक करोड़ आठ लाख चौबे हजार छः सौ रू० मात्र	09 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 16.09.2019  
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 25.09.2019 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।  
4. जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, रांची में निविदा शुल्क, अभ्यर्थन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- 26.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।  
5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 27.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।  
6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0), झारखंड, रांची, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, रांची।  
7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष नं०- 0651-2207818  
8. निविदा शुल्क भारतीय स्टेट बैंक द्वारा निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0), कार्य प्रमंडल, गढ़वा के पक्ष में भुगतये होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।  
विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।  
PR 216236 Rural Work Department (19-20)\_D

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नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल



NCP’s Ganesh Naik to join BJP next week

SHARAD VYAS  
MUMBAI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is likely to induct Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Ganesh Naik on Monday.

Senior BJP leaders said a formal ceremony will be held to welcome the Navi Mumbai strongman, who will follow in the footsteps of his son Sandeep, along with 50-odd corporators and supporters.

Party sources said Mr. Naik met the Navi Mumbai municipal commissioner and the Konkan commissioner earlier this week to chalk out modalities for a change of guard in the civic body. “We are expecting as many as 50 corporators to follow the Naiks,” a senior BJP leader said. Naik’s exit is likely to impact seat-sharing negotiations between the Congress and NCP.

Meanwhile, the BJP and Shiv Sena have started seat-sharing talks for the Assembly elections. Sources said the BJP has asked for more than 160 seats. The Sena has reportedly refused to accept any formula where it gets fewer than 110 seats, and the splinter groups fewer than 18. “We are confident of winning 160 seats on our own,” said a BJP functionary.

SOI wins PU’s president post

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHANDIGARH

Chetan Chaudhary of the Student Organisation of India, the student wing of the Shiromani Akali Dal, on Friday won the post of president of the Panjab University’s students’ council.

The three other posts – vice-president, secretary and joint secretary – were won by the National Students’ Union of India candidates.

Mr. Chaudhary secured 2,792 votes for the president’s post of Panjab University Campus Students’ Council. He defeated Paras Ratan of the ABVP by a margin of 479 votes, said a release. NSUI’s Rahul Kumar won the vice-president’s post by securing 3,520 votes while Tegbir Singh won the secretary’s post with 3,188 votes. Manpreet Singh Mahal won the JS post with 3,796 votes.

Delhi High Court nod for special trial at AIIMS in Unnao case

This comes after Supreme Court asked HC to decide on proceedings at hospital

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday gave the Delhi High Court liberty to decide on a plea made by the trial judge of five cases of crimes committed against the Unnao rape survivor and her family to hold special proceedings at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Probe into ‘accident’

A Bench led by Justice Deepak Gupta gave a fortnight more to the CBI to complete its probe into the ‘accident’ on July 28 in which the now 19-year-old rape survivor and her lawyer were critically injured and two of her relatives killed after a truck collided with their car near Raebareilly. On August 19, the court had given the CBI an extension of two weeks to complete the investigation in



Kuldeep Singh Sengar  
• FILE PHOTO

the road accident case.

The Delhi HC late in the evening approved recording of the woman’s statement at the AIIMS Trauma Centre. A notification issued to this effect said Special Judge Dharmesh Sharma, who is conducting trial of the cases, shall record her testimony.

The apex court said there was no pressure on Judge Sharma to complete the trial in 45 days. He could ap-

proach it if and when he felt it necessary for an extension.

On August 1, the court transferred the five cases from a CBI court in Lucknow to its counterpart in Delhi. It also ordered the Uttar Pradesh government to pay the rape survivor ₹25 lakh as interim compensation.

Day-to-day basis

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi on that day ordered that the trial in the cases be held on a day-to-day basis and be completed within 45 days. The court had even zeroed in on Mr. Sharma as the trial judge.

Four of the five cases are the rape in 2017; a false case hoisted against her father under the Arms Act by conniving police officers; the custodial death of the survi-

vor’s father after he was arrested in an Arms case; and a second instance of gang-rape of the survivor. Though the CBI has filed charge sheets in these cases, the Lucknow court is yet to frame charges against the accused persons. The fifth case concerns the ‘accident’.

In fact, it was only later the apex court came to know that days before the ‘accident’, the woman had reached out to the CJI in a letter. But her cry for help had largely remained unnoticed in the court’s Registry for almost a fortnight.

Her letter, dated July 12, had spelt out threats to her life and her family from the accused, including BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar. The letter landed at the Registry on July 17 but did not reach the CJI’s table till July 30.

(With PTI inputs)

AMU notice to 3 Kashmiri students over protest

University administration says event held on campus without permission

ANUJ KUMAR  
GHAZIABAD

The Aligarh Muslim University administration has issued a show-cause notice to four students, including three Kashmiri PhD scholars, for staging a protest on the campus against the government clampdown in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday evening.

University spokesperson Shafey Kidwai said, “A show-cause notice has been issued to Majid Butt, Sajjad Dar, Shafat Maqbool, and Mohd. Khalid for holding a protest on campus without permission.”

Mr. Khalid, a postgraduate student, is not a Kash-

miri.

Prof. Kidwai said the administration had also asked them to explain the slogans raised during the protest. AMU has around 1,000 Kashmiri students.

According to local sources, on Thursday, about 50-odd students peacefully marched to the university gates with placards asking for the lifting of communication blockade and easing of restrictions on travel in Kashmir.

‘Undeclared emergency’ Shakeel, a student of law faculty from Anantnag, said, “The aim of the protest was to make people outside the

State aware of what their fellow citizens are going through, particularly when a large section of the media is not presenting the true picture. I have not been able to contact my parents for the last one month. It is a kind of undeclared ‘emergency’ in the Valley,” he alleged.

He asked why such stringent curfew-like conditions are being imposed on the citizens when the government was repeatedly saying that things are normal.

He maintained Article 370 was the “bond” between India and Kashmir and its abrogation has “alienated” even those who believe in peaceful dialogue.

Dalit village-level officer found dead

OMAR RASHID  
LUCKNOW

A Dalit Village Development Officer in Uttar Pradesh’s Lakhimpur Kheri district allegedly committed suicide after facing humiliation and pressure from a farmers’ union and local headmen.

Nine persons were booked on charges of abetment to suicide and relevant clauses of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atroci-

ties) Act, out of which four were arrested, Lakhimpur Kheri police said on Friday.

Gram Vikas Adhikari (Village Development Officer) Trivendra Kumar was found hanging in his room in Shivsagar Colony in the Gola area of Lakhimpur Kheri on Thursday, police said. A hand-written note, allegedly written by Kumar and addressed to his father, was discovered from the spot. In the

note, the officer mentions that he was facing mental harassment, including casteist insults at the hands of members of the ‘Kisan Union’ and local village headmen. “They abuse me and also speak against reservations... they make fun of me,” he wrote.

Suicide prevention helpline: Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health, Telephone: 011-4076 9002, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. -7.30 p.m.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

**DEATH**

**Mr C V N RAO**  
Retired Scientist-In-Charge (C.I.F.T) Ex National Consultant ITC/UNICTAD (Geneva)  
Bid Adieu on Aug 28th 2019  
Survived by Mrs C Laxmi Rao (Wife)  
Aruna (Daughter) Ramayya (SIL) Pinkie (Grand Daughter)  
To one of Best Loving Husband, A Caring and Protective Father you are dearly missed every moment of our lives until we meet again Love you Always !!

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Smt. Kanthimathy Lakshmanaswamy**  
14-04-1924 - 07-09-1989  
More than a mother to her sons, A mother to more than her sons.  
Though we miss your presence, We have never felt your absence.  
Sons, Family & Friends

IN MEMORIAM

**ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY**

**A.DORAIAMMAL**  
20.10.1923 - 07.09.2008  
in ever loving memory  
V.A.Raghu, Vatsala, Anjana, Rajesh, Dipika.

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E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority’s official website: [www.noidaauthorityonline.com](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.com) & <https://etender.up.nic.in> Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/ amendments & corrigendum etc.

(A) 1. 03/Noida/GM(K)/SM-WC-8/ET-2019-20 Name of work: Annual Maintenance of Building (Repair of Staff Houses in Type of LIG, MIG, HIG & EVS in Sector 82). Cost: Rs.24.46 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by Date 25.09.2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 26.09.2019 at 11.00 AM.

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No. KASE/42/2014 Dated: 05/09/2019

**Re-notification**  
Post of Assistant Faculty -

Integrated Lifestyle Product Design in Kerala State Institute of Design Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of **Assistant Faculty - Integrated Lifestyle Product Design** in Kerala State Institute of Design (KSID), a unit of KASE. Candidates with M.Des/B.Des/Equivalent Degree/Diplomas may apply. For more details, please visit our websites: [www.kase.in](http://www.kase.in), [www.ksid.ac.in](http://www.ksid.ac.in) (3805356/D3/2019/1&PR)

**Sd/- Managing Director**

**KSITIL**  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) invites e-Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid I: Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid II: Price Bid) from eligible contractors for the following:  
**Name of Work:** Selection of Project Monitoring Agency (PMA) for Kerala Fibre Optic Network and Reliable Communication & Data Acquisition Network.

**Earnest Money Deposit:** Rs.10,00,000/-  
**Contract Period :** 24 months  
**Due Date of Submission:** 30/09/2019, 15:00 Hrs.  
**Date of Pre Bid Meeting:** 17/09/2019, 11:00 AM

Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website [www.etenders.kerala.gov.in](http://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in)

Date:07/09/2019 Managing Director  
Trivandrum Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited  
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dated **04.09.2019**

In connection to the Tender Notice as mentioned in table below, the date of closing of the e-Tenders has been postponed: **Tender Notice No. and Date:** CA11\_Videowall\_BDTS\_2019, dated: 16.08.2019. **Date of closing of e-Tender mentioned in tender notice and document:** 10.09.2019 **May be read as** 11.09.2019. All other terms & conditions of the above tender notices and documents will remain unchanged.

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**Government of Punjab**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN & CHILDREN, PUNJAB**  
S.C.O. 102-103, Sector-34-A, Chandigarh  
0172-2608746

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

Department of Social Security and Development of Women & Children, Punjab intends to procure Growth Monitoring Devices (GMDs), Smartphones and Power Banks under POSHAN Abhiyaan.

In this connection, a pre-bid conference has been scheduled on **12.09.2019 at 3:00 pm** in the Committee Room, 4th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat-II, (Mini Secretariat) Sector 9, Chandigarh.

Interested Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM)/Bidders are invited to attend the above meeting. A maximum of 2 representatives per OEM/ Bidder will be allowed. The details of the attendees may be emailed to [dsswcd@punjab.gov.in](mailto:dsswcd@punjab.gov.in) before 5:00 pm on 10.09.2019 to enable entry passes.

For further information, please send an email to [dsswcd@punjab.gov.in](mailto:dsswcd@punjab.gov.in) or in contact 0172-2608746.

**DPR PB 6356-D** **Development of Women & Children, Punjab**

**Director,**  
Social Security and  
Development of Women & Children, Punjab

**IN THE COURT OF THE SPECIAL JUDGE**  
**:: ASSAM :: GUWAHATI**  
(Form No. 04)  
**PROCLAMATION U/S 82 Cr.P.C. REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
**CM's Special Vigilance P.S. Case No. 9/2017**

**State of Assam**  
**Vs.**  
**Sri Gautam Barua & Ors.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Sri Gautam Barua, Age : 60 Yrs (Approx), S/O Lt. Khiroda Kanta Barua, R/O Chandralaya Apartment, Lamb Road, Ambari, P.S. Lataasil, Guwahati, Assam** has committed the offences of Criminal Conspiracy, Forgery, Criminal Breach of trust and misappropriation punishable under sections 120(B)/406/409/468/471/420 of IPC R/W Sec.13(2) of P.C. Act, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sri Gautam Barua** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sri Gautam Barua** has absconded (Or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sri Gautam Barua, S/O Lt. Khiroda Kanta Barua of Chandralaya Apartment, Lamb Road, Ambari, P.S. Lataasil, Guwahati** to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on the **04th day of October, 2019.**

Dated, this 27th day of August, 2019.

**Special Judge, Assam, Guwahati.**  
**Janasanyog/D/4401/19**

**Market Info** **A Business Initiative**

**RSP GETS LATEST ISO 45001:2018 OHSMS CERTIFICATION**

**S**AIL, Rourkela Steel Plant has been certified with the latest International Standard ISO 45001:2018 OHSMS pertaining to occupational health and safety (OH&S) management system. RSP has become the first amongst all SAIL Plants to be certified with the latest standard. In a function organised at HRD Centre on 3rd September, 2019, Mr. Dipak Chatteraj, CEO, RSP unveiled the Certificate. The new standard replaces the earlier OHSAS 18001:2007 System. Adoption of ISO 45001 system will enable the Organisation to provide safe and healthy workplaces.

**MUSHROOM CULTIVATION AND VERMICOMPOST TRAINING AT NTPC**

**N**TPC Talcher Kaniha under its CSR initiative conducted Mushroom Cultivation and Vermicompost Training programme for rural women to encourage self-employment and empowerment. Under this initiative 40 rural women from four SHGs of nearby villages were selected for the skill development training. The training was conducted for 6 months from February 25 to August 31, 2019 in association with agency IDIOT-Dhenkanal with an objective towards social upliftment of women in the project affected areas of NTPC. On the occasion Shri A. K. Das, Sr Manager (HR) suggested the participants utilise the training skills in actual practise which will benefit to self-empower and generate income.

**TAKING SELFIES CAN COST LIVES, SAYS ECOR**

**Selfie is for life Not to risk losing it**

One should not take selfies at platform edges, near railway tracks or at foot-board of trains

**K**eeping in view the craze of youngsters for selfies in different daring incidents, East Coast Railway has taken steps to spread awareness among common people, especially youngsters, not to take selfies on trains and near railway tracks. It is seen that, in many cases, youngsters like to take selfies by riding on the rooftop of trains or on train engines or near railway track when the trains are approaching without realising the danger to their valuable life. It should be noted that, trains move faster than they appear to be and can reach sooner than one thinks. Apart from this, the Over Head Equipment are charged with very high voltage of electricity. Railway officials have been instructed to take strict action against the persons taking selfies on train or near rail lines. Apart from this, repeated awareness drives are being conducted to educate youngsters to avoid such incidents. Steps are also being taken to educate local people near train lines.







IN BRIEF

**Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee hospitalised**

KOLKATA

Former West Bengal CM and veteran Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee was hospitalised late on Friday evening. Mr. Bhattacharjee (75), who has been ailing for quite some time, was admitted to Woodlands Multispecialty Hospital at 8.35 p.m. According to hospital authorities he is suffering from breathing problem and low blood pressure.

**Dabholkar shooter, 2 others in police custody**

A local court in Kolhapur on Friday remanded Sachin Andure, named by the CBI to be one of the shooters of rationalist Narendra Dabholkar, and two others to police custody till September 16 in connection with the 2015 murder of Communist leader Govind Pansare.

**ED questions Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal**

MUMBAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) questioned Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal on Friday in a case of alleged contravention of the foreign exchange law and recorded his statement, officials said. This is the first time the agency is grilling him after it conducted searches against him last month. The ED is probing charges that Mr. Goyal carried out "doubtful" transactions through some firms he owned. PTI

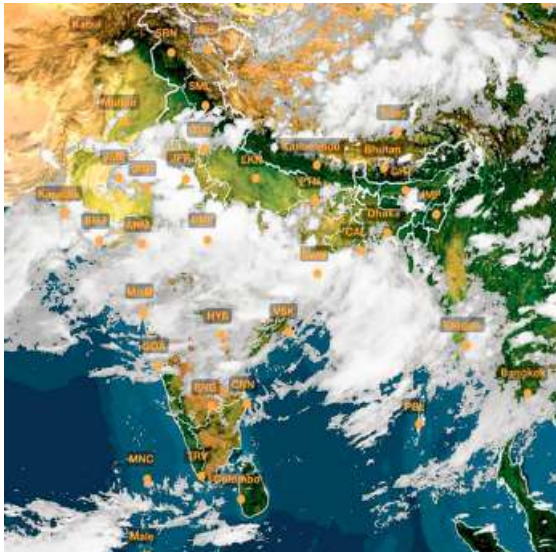
**Gujarat launches online attendance system**

AHMEDABAD

In a bid to curb absenteeism in government schools, the Gujarat government launched a facial-recognition based biometric online attendance system for teachers across 40,000 primary schools on Teacher's Day on Thursday. While launching the new system from Gandhinagar, CM Vijay Rupani said that soon, other departments will also move to a similar system to curb absenteeism.

**WEATHER WATCH**

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Saturday:** Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely over Konkan region, Goa, Vidarbha, central Maharashtra, Telangana, Odisha, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam, Meghalaya, coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	.....	35.0	26.0	Kozhikode	.....	24.6	31.0
Ahmedabad	.....	45.6	32.0	Kurnool	.....	33.0	24.0
Aizawl	.....	29.0	17.0	Lucknow	.....	1.0	35.0
Allahabad	.....	35.0	28.0	Madurai	.....	40.0	28.0
Bengaluru	0.4	27.0	20.0	Mangaluru	47.4	29.0	23.0
Bhopal	0.2	31.0	25.0	Mumbai	45.1	29.0	25.0
Bhubaneswar	24.1	29.0	24.0	Mysuru	.....	27.0	21.0
Chandigarh	2.1	34.0	27.0	New Delhi	.....	37.0	28.0
Chennai	.....	35.0	27.0	Patna	.....	35.0	28.0
Coimbatore	.....	33.0	23.0	Port Blair	6.5	29.0	25.0
Dehradun	17.2	32.0	24.0	Puducherry	.....	36.0	25.0
Gangtok	7.4	22.0	18.0	Pune	.....	3.2	27.0
Goa	.....	.....	.....	Rajpur	.....	65.8	31.0
Gwalhati	.....	34.0	27.0	Ranchi	.....	0.8	29.0
Hubballi	.....	24.0	22.0	Shillong	.....	26.0	17.0
Hyderabad	.....	30.0	23.0	Shimla	.....	23.0	17.0
Imphal	.....	32.0	22.0	Srinagar	.....	27.0	16.0
Jaipur	.....	34.0	26.0	Thiruvananthapuram	35.0	31.0	24.0
Kochi	.....	26.8	31.0	Tiruchi	.....	38.0	27.0
Kohima	4.4	27.0	18.0	Vijayawada	.....	33.0	26.0
Kolkata	4.7	33.0	27.0	Visakhapatnam	.....	10.3	32.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

CITIES	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE	Yesterday
Ahmedabad	.....	62	102	54	100	.....	72
Bengaluru	.....	2	20	95	26	.....	68
Chennai	.....	12	14	18	22	.....	36
Delhi	.....	8	45	34	57	.....	188
Hyderabad	.....	41	24	18	21	.....	34
Kolkata	.....	5	6	11	8	.....	14
Lucknow	.....	5	33	52	105	.....	17
Mumbai	.....	17	13	105	13	.....	47
Pune	.....	74	8	67	25	.....	25
Visakhapatnam	.....	17	45	42	39	.....	60

Air Quality Code: ■ Poor ■ Moderate ■ Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**SO<sub>2</sub>:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**NO<sub>2</sub>:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# 'Make attack on doctors a penal offence'

Supreme Court has directed the Centre to respond to a petition seeking a separate law

**LEGAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Centre to respond to a plea to make violence committed against doctors and medical personnel and establishments a separate penal offence.

A Bench led by Justice N.V. Ramana issued notice to the Centre to reply to a petition filed by the Tamil Nadu chapter of the Association of Healthcare Providers (India), through its president, Dr. S. Gurushankar and Dr. B. Kannan, seeking immediate and necessary action against those indulging in violence against medical professionals, medicare service and causing damage to clinical establishments.

The petition, settled by senior advocate K. Subrama-

nian and drawn and filed by E.C. Agrawala, said police hardly swung into action to prevent incidents of violence or protect the medical community. The medical fraternity had become demoralised by the increasing number of attacks on them. This was one of the reasons why doctors avoided serving in rural areas. "Unless such attacks are checked, there will be serious repercussions on patient care," the petition said.

**'Isolated, vulnerable'**

Violence against doctors was unacceptable and needed to be condemned. Small and medium private healthcare establishments formed the bulwark of the healthcare sector. They were, however, isolated and vulnerable to



Doctors are seeking three to five years' imprisonment or a fine of up to ₹1 lakh for violence against them. ■ A.M. FARUQUI

violence. The Prevention of Violence Against Medicare Persons and Institutions Act, which have been notified in 19 States in the past 10 years, have failed to address the issue, the plea said.

The punishment for committing violence against the medical fraternity should be either three years to five years' imprisonment or a fine of minimum ₹25,000 upto one lakh, the plea said.

# Craniopagus twins head home

A major achievement for the country, says Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

India's only successfully separated craniopagus twins from Odisha – Jagga and Balia – were discharged from the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) here on Friday, two years after they were admitted, operated and started on rehabilitation at the hospital.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said: "This is a major achievement for the country. This is the rarest of the rare surgery and it can be called AIIMS Delhi Jagga and Balia craniopagus surgery."

He said this was the first successful craniopagus conjoined twin separation surgery from India wherein both the children had survived.

"Worldwide only 10-15 children have survived after surgical separation of this condition in the last 50 years. All modern adjuncts



**Gleeful moment:** The toddlers were born with a fused brain and skull. ■ PTI/FILE PHOTO

of technology for surgical planning, 3D print model technology for brain and skull model development, venous bypass, staged surgeries and continuous post-operative care was provided by the craniopagus team of over 75 doctors and 50 nursing/support team staff at AIIMS," Dr. Vardhan said.

On their way back to Odisha by rail, a team of three doctors (Deepak Gupta, neu-

rologist, Girija Rath, neuroanaesthetist, and Kiran Kumar, paediatrician) along with one nurse from AIIMS, Delhi will accompany the two children.

The two children will be initially kept in the SCB Medical College Cuttack for a few weeks for supportive care.

"The Odisha government has provided continuous support to these two children right from the time of their admission to AIIMS, New Delhi and will continue to do so," the Minister said.

Dr. Deepak Gupta said: "The twins were admitted to the Department of Neurosurgery on July 14, 2017 and detailed planning for surgical separation was carried out on the twins totally fused to each other at head level by a team of 125 doctors and support team."

"Now, they are on rehabilitation and physiotherapy which will be monitored by doctors at the Cuttack Medical College," he said.

The toddlers were born with fused brain and skull, a condition known as craniopagus.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan said this case had also amply depicted that India was competent to perform such surgeries, and also that poor people from tribal regions from where the twin brothers hailed from, could also get the best medical care.

# Mergers of banks unilateral, says Mamata in letter to PM

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
KOLKATA

Describing the merger of two banks with headquarters out of Kolkata as unilateral, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying that she was "deeply concerned about the overall impact of knee-jerk merger move across the country with negative effects on the entire banking sector".

Ms Banerjee began her letter by expressing concern that "two public sector banks headquartered in Kolkata are being merged with banks headquartered in Delhi and Chennai respectively without any consultation with the State government or with the management of these two banks".

The Finance Ministry has decided to merge United



CM Mamata Banerjee

Bank of India, headquartered in Kolkata, with Punjab National Bank with its head office in Delhi and also Allahabad Bank, headquartered in Kolkata, with Indian Bank with its head office in Chennai. According to Ms Banerjee the development "will adversely affect the development momentum of the State". She also expressed concern about the fate of thousands of employees of both the banks.

# NCPCR to visit 117 aspirational districts

To hear complaints affecting children

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

The apex body for child rights, NCPCR, is visiting 117 Aspirational Districts to hold public meetings on complaints affecting children pertaining to education, health and nutrition as well as lack of infrastructure. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has so far held 23 benches in 27 districts and has received nearly 5,000 complaints. The districts visited so far include Adilabad (Telangana), Ramanathapuram (Tamil Nadu), Chamba (Himachal Pradesh), and Mewat (Haryana).

"The Aspirational District Programme focuses on five main themes to improve socio-economic status which include Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development. Of these, three issues come directly under our mandate and account for 70% of the total weightage for ranking districts. So we have been holding our benches where we meet officials from nearly



Cells to monitor child rights compliance in J&K and Ladakh will also be set up.

30 departments as well as local residents," NCPCR Chairperson Priyanka Kaanoongo told *The Hindu*.

The NCPCR will also set up two cells at its headquarters here to monitor compliance of laws governing child rights for the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh after the dilution of Section 370.

The complaints pertain to construction of access roads for schools, providing benefits under the Ayushman Bharat programme for disabled children, provision for toilets, among others. Complainants are supposed to give a written submission, which is then taken up by a bench comprising Members of the NCPCR.

# Prepare plan for protection of the Great Indian Bustard: NGT

**STAFF REPORTER**  
NEW DELHI

Noting the high mortality rate of the Great Indian Bustard, the National Green Tribunal has directed the Centre to prepare a time-bound action plan within two months for protection of the birds.

A Bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel also constituted



The Great Indian Bustard.

a joint committee comprising officials of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and

Climate Change, Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

The committee was asked to prepare an action plan for the implementation of suggestions put forth by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

The WII in its report also said steps should be taken to reduce poaching of the species and other wildlife in the Thar landscape.

# Crackdown on illegal fireworks units in Punjab

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
CHANDIGARH

Days after 23 lives were lost at an illegal fire-cracker unit in Batala, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Friday ordered a statewide crackdown on all illegal fire cracker manufacturing units operating in congested areas.

The CM directed the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police to take immediate steps to close such illegal units and also take precautionary measures to ensure that such unfortunate accidents do not occur in future.

Capt. Amarinder said the government will not allow anyone to carry on such illegal activities in densely populated areas, risking lives and property.

Talking to journalists, he said that he had already ordered a magisterial probe. When asked about a similar event that occurred in 2017, he said that since the incident had happened two months before he took over in March 2017, a separate enquiry will be initiated simultaneously.

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**FINAL ORDERS**

MEMO. NO. CGM (HRD)/GM (PER)/AS (DC)/PO (DC-III)/118-C7/2015-4, Dt. 02-04-2019

The Divisional Engineer/Enquires was appointed as Enquiry Officer vide memo Dt. 18.07.2016 to enquire into the allegation of gross negligence and dereliction of duties against Smt. K. Rajitha, Ex. AE/Tech., /Division Office/Siddipet for indulging in abstaining from duties unauthorisedly w.e.f. 25.11.2014 onwards after expiry of 5 years EOL period from 25.11.2009 to 24.11.2014 to take up employment abroad. The Enquiry Officer after conducting detailed enquiry by finalizing as ex-parte as per Rules has submitted the Enquiry Report vide his letter Dt. 27.05.2017 duly held that the Charge framed above against Smt. K. Rajitha, Ex. AE is established and therefore held proved during the enquiry.

- After careful examination, a Show Cause Notice was issued vide memo Dt. 30.08.2017 proposing the punishment of "Removal from Service" against Smt. K. Rajitha, Ex. AE for the above lapses on her part.
- Smt. K. Rajitha, Ex. AE/Tech., /Division Office/Siddipet has neither acknowledged the receipt of the Show Cause Notice nor submitted her explanation within the stipulated period though communicated to various addresses duly publishing the Show Cause Notice in daily News Papers of Telugu i.e., Andhra Bhoomi (Covering Hyderabad & Karimnagar District Editions & English i.e. The Hans India (Covering in World Edition).
- After careful examination and as per the resolution passed by the constituted Concurrence Committee, it is ordered that, Smt. K. Rajitha, Ex. AE/Tech., /Division Office/Siddipet is hereby **Removed from Service**. She is further informed that under Regulation 18 of APSEB Employees Discipline and Appeal Regulations as Adopted by APCPDL (Now TSSPDCL) only one appeal lies to the Discom Board against these orders within three months from the date of publishing of final orders memo if she prefers to appeal.

Sd/-  
CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR

ID.SPDCD.CORP01078

**सोपसआईआर- राष्ट्रीय अंतर्विषयी विज्ञान तथा प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान**

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**Advertisement No. 02/2019**

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Name & No. of Post with Category	Pay Level & Pay Matrix	Essential Qualifications	*Total Emoluments	**Age Limit
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<b>NB: In the event of non-availability of candidates with MD qualifications, the post of MEDICAL OFFICER (UR) will be filled up by candidates with MBBS qualification as detailed below:</b>				
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<b>Senior T.O. (1) - 1 (OBC)</b>	10 ₹ 56100-177500	M.Lib. Sc. with 55% marks after 1st Class B.Sc. (Science) plus two years experience.	₹ 75,840/-	35 yrs
<b>Tech. Asstt. - 8 UR-3, OBC-1, SC-1, ST-1, PwD-1, EWS-1</b>	6 ₹ 35400-112400	1st class B.Sc (Sci.) with Chemistry/Industrial Chemistry/Physics / Environmental Science / Biotechnology or Microbiology / Electronics as one of the subject with one year full time Professional qualification or one year experience in the relevant discipline from a recognized Institute / Organisation OR 1st class Diploma in Electrical/Chemical Engineering of at least 3 years full time duration or atleast 2 years full time duration in case of lateral admission in Diploma courses or its equivalent with experience of 2 years in the relevant area/field.	₹ 47,104/-	28 yrs

**UR-Unreserved, OBC-Other Backward Class, SC-Scheduled Caste, ST-Scheduled Tribe, PwD-Persons with Disabilities, EWS-Economically Weaker Section**

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## Bear hug

India's push to 'Act Far East' strengthens relations with traditional ally Russia

Unveiling the Russian edition of India's 'Look East, Act East' policy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged on Thursday to extend a \$1 billion Line of Credit to Russia's Far East region (RFE). Speaking at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, set up by Russian President Vladimir Putin to attract investment to the farthest outlying East Siberian and Arctic-pole areas of the country, Mr. Modi said that the announcement of the LOC, expected to help finance Indian business projects in the region, will be the "take-off point for Act Far East", and will further strengthen bilateral ties. Mr. Modi's visit saw several initiatives being launched towards increasing the value of economic ties between the two countries, which, at approximately \$10 billion in terms of bilateral trade, lags far behind their strategic partnership and defence relationship. In the past year alone, India has contracted defence deals worth about \$14.5 billion from Russia. Chief among the 50 agreements signed this week were those on energy exploration and procurement, including a specific MoU on cooperation on LNG supplies to India, and a maritime route from Vladivostok to Chennai which will be used for energy trade as well. The two sides also agreed on a five-year 'roadmap' for cooperation on prospecting for hydrocarbons and LNG in the Far East and the Arctic, building on a history of Indian investment in oilfields in the region.

Beyond the bilateral aspect, the PM's pivot to Russia's Far East has far-reaching strategic implications. The emphasis on energy from this region is as much a bid to benefit from explorations and trade routes in the Arctic that are becoming accessible due to global warming, as it is reflective of India's desire to diversify its energy sources away from an unstable West Asia. The investment in the Far East, which is often neglected given that Russia is seen as a European power in the post-Soviet era, also underlines India's desire to draw Russia into its strategic forays in the Indo-Pacific. The government has said it welcomes cooperation with other countries for investments in RFE, notably Japan, which has in the past few years warmed up to Russia, despite their bitter territorial dispute in the region. This interest is seen as India's attempt to not only keep a traditional friend close, but to ensure some space in the current clinch between Russia and China. China's cross-border investment in RFE accounts for 71% of the total direct foreign investment of \$33 billion. Above all, the push to 'Act Far East' allows India to demonstrate its commitment to an area of concern for Moscow, thus reassuring its traditional partner that in an increasingly polarised world, India is confident of working with multiple alignments, even if they are at cross purposes with each other.

## Easing the pressure

The best response to the Hong Kong discontent will be a policy of accommodation

The withdrawal on Wednesday of Hong Kong's controversial extradition Bill, which intended to hand over suspected criminal offenders to other jurisdictions, has raised hopes for a welcome, even if temporary, pause in tensions. The reversal has bought Beijing, which had begun mobilising paramilitary forces in neighbouring Shenzhen city, time to deal with the political and economic fallout from the intensifying protests. All the same, the decision by Carrie Lam, the city's Chief Executive, has infused momentum to the pro-democracy campaign that is coming to be referred to as the 'Water Revolution'. While Ms. Lam dithered and delayed a decision for nearly three months, the protesters expanded their charter of demands, in effect to question the 'One Country, Two Systems' policy. Their calls for a judicial investigation into the government's handling of the crisis and alleged police violence are bound to grow louder after the roll-back of the infamous Bill. But the most potent of them all, perhaps, is the right to universal suffrage, which was originally championed under Hong Kong's 2014 umbrella movement, but effectively neutered by the government. The demand will doubtless prove pivotal to the current campaign. But a genuine exercise of the franchise may also be among the last concessions protesters are likely to extract from Beijing any time soon.

President Xi Jinping would be acutely aware of the implications of major loosening of policy as the 2047 expiry of Hong Kong's special status approaches. The risks are no less of possible spillover effects in Taiwan, whose government is wedded to independence from China. The 'Water Revolution' has so far managed to broaden its appeal among millions, transcending social classes and across different generations. As with other recent political uprisings, building a cohesive leadership and strategy might turn out to be its biggest challenge. In a sign of the unstable economic and business environment ahead, Hong Kong's GDP growth in the previous quarter was the slowest since the financial crisis. Fitch, the credit ratings agency, on Friday lowered Hong Kong's ranking from AA+ to AA, even as it underscored the city's strong financial buffers. Given its position as Asia's leading financial hub, prolonged uncertainty in Hong Kong can aggravate the current harm to global trade from the escalating tensions between China and the U.S. Mr. Xi has embarked on an aggressive policy aimed at China's economic, technological and strategic dominance. His stance vis-à-vis Hong Kong will provide important clues to the political dimension of that approach. The current discontent, however, poses a far more immediate challenge. An accommodative policy might serve the best overall interest.

# Calls of duty that'll hurt the U.S. economy

The Trump administration's latest set of tariffs, and China's retaliatory levies, take the world closer to a slowdown



BISWAJIT DHAR

Over the past few weeks, the trade war between the U.S. and China has seen a significant escalation. On August 20, the U.S. administration notified its decision to impose 15% tariffs, in two phases, on imports valued at \$300 billion. The latest round of tariff increases implies that the country has imposed tariffs on almost all of its product imports from China, totalling nearly \$540 billion in 2018. Pharmaceutical imports are the only major exception.

Immediately after the U.S. administration issued the notification, China announced additional tariffs on more than 5,000 products imported from the U.S. valued at \$75 billion. The sensitive sectors of agriculture and forestry were targeted. Tariffs were also hiked for the first time on crude oil. On September 2, China raised the ante further by initiating a dispute in the World Trade Organization (WTO) against the U.S.'s unilateral tariff increases.

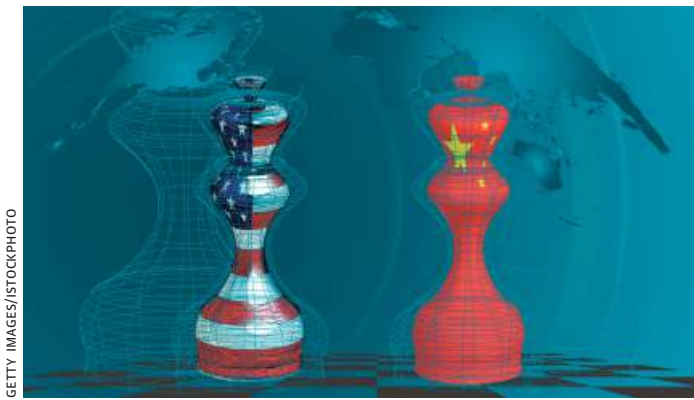
Earlier, the U.S. administration had targeted China primarily for what it perceived to be violations by the latter of intellectual property rights (IPRs) of American companies. The administration's argument was that Beijing was forcing these companies to transfer their proprietary technologies. In fact, on this issue, the U.S. became the judge and the jury by indicting China for indulging in "forced technology transfer" and then

bringing penal provisions against its imports using the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974. The provisions of this Act (like Section 301) allow the U.S. to "investigate" any country which, in its opinion, has violated IPRs of American companies. If found "guilty", the violating countries can be sanctioned with trade retaliation. The tariff increases against Chinese products were tantamount to trade retaliation. It needs to be further mentioned here that Section 301 actions are a violation of WTO rules as disputes must be resolved by the organisation's dispute settlement mechanism.

### 'Currency manipulator' label

However, while triggering the most recent escalation, the U.S. administration not only violated the spirit of multilateralism, it also shifted the goalposts. This time, the action was triggered when the U.S. Secretary of Treasury, Steven Mnuchin, invoked the provisions of Section 3004 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act. This Section authorises the Treasury Secretary to examine whether the U.S.'s trade partners are manipulating the "rate of exchange for purposes of preventing effective balance of payments adjustments or gaining unfair competitive advantage in international trade".

Earlier, Mr. Mnuchin had in August called the U.S.'s largest trade partner a "currency manipulator", the first time Washington used the label against any country since 1994. Mr. Mnuchin's determination was based on a report presented to the U.S. Congress last year that concluded that China's "exchange rate practices continue



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to lack transparency, including its intervention in foreign exchange markets", although it found that "direct intervention in foreign exchange markets by the People's Bank of China" over the past several months was limited. Beijing was targeted for the "long history of facilitating an undervalued currency through protracted, large-scale intervention in the foreign exchange market," said the Department of Treasury.

The latest action by the Trump administration raises at least two sets of issues. The first concerns its pursuit of unilateralism, an anathema in the post-War economic governance framework underlined by the principles of multilateralism. Since the coming of the Trump Administration, the U.S. has repeatedly undermined these principles. The country has challenged the framework of multilaterally agreed rules in two ways – first by not allowing WTO members to conduct negotiations so that the rules respond to the needs of the members, especially the lesser developed countries; and second, by making the dispute settlement mechanism non-function-

al. A critical component of the dispute settlement mechanism is the Appellate Body, which needs seven members to function effectively. But the U.S. administration has refused to allow retiring members of the Appellate Body to be replaced by new members, and this has brought the dispute settlement mechanism to the brink.

Second, nearly a year and a half after the trade war was officially announced in Washington, one question that begs an answer is: Have the American people gained anything from the exertions of the administration? Are there any signs that President Trump's vision of 'Making America Great Again' is gaining further traction?

### Small impact on trade deficit

We will consider the pattern of trade flows over the past year to see if tariffs were able to reduce U.S.'s dependence on China. In 2018, almost nine months of which saw the trade war playing out, the U.S.'s trade deficit vis-à-vis China reached a record high of over \$419 billion, nearly 12% higher than that in the previous year and the steepest increase since 2010.

In the last five months of 2018, when the tariffs were introduced by both countries, the trade deficit was \$196 billion, 15% higher than that in the corresponding period in 2017. In other words, the tariffs did not reduce the deficit. In the first half of the current year, the U.S.'s trade deficit reduced by about 10% and while imports from China declined by \$31 billion, exports to China also declined by \$12 billion. Thus, the U.S. was not left untouched by the trade war.

There is hardly any doubt that the latest round of tariff increases would hurt the U.S. economy even more since China has targeted agriculture and crude oil, two of the most sensitive sectors. An impact on these sectors could adversely affect President Trump politically because people and companies associated with these areas are among the President's major funders. Further, since the current round of tariffs target products like garments, toothbrushes, footwear, toys and video games, the U.S.'s consumer goods markets would be impacted quite considerably. Clearly, the administration is worried about the price increases following the imposition of tariffs on some of these goods, a reason it has postponed the tariff increases until after the Christmas purchases.

The timing of the latest escalation could not have been worse; it could bring the global economy closer to an economic slowdown, much earlier than its predicted onset in 2020.

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# Empowering primary care practitioners

It is important to reclaim health care from ivory tower structures called 'hospitals' and incentivise general practitioners



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What is special about Japan in the context of health-care services is that it managed to contain the clout of specialists in its health-care system and accorded a prominent voice to its primary care practitioners (PCP) in its decision-making processes.

Hospitals, for the early part of Japan's history with modern medicine, catered only to an affluent few. The government limited the funding of hospitals, restricting them to functions like training of medical students and isolation of infectious cases. Reciprocal connections between doctors in private clinics and hospitals were forbidden, thwarting the possibility of the two groups creating a strong nexus; on the other hand, a sturdy lobby of clinic-based PCPs evolved to tip the balance in favour of primary health care. The Japanese Social Health Insurance was implemented in 1927, and the Japanese Medical Association (JMA), then dominated by PCPs, was the main player in negotiating the fee schedule.

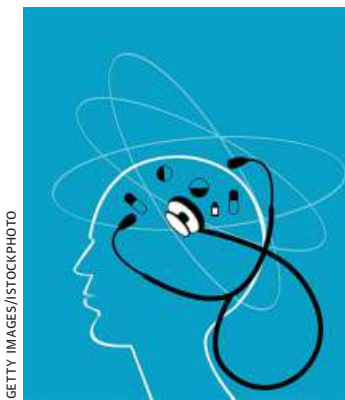
In India, on the contrary, a hospital-oriented, technocentric model of health care took early roots.

Building urban hospitals through public investment enjoyed primacy over strengthening community-based, primary health care. Alongside this, a private sector with rampant, unregulated dual-practice system (doctors practising in both public and private sectors simultaneously) flourished. This allowed doctors to constitute a powerful group held together by coherent interests. This influential doctors' community, which saw a lucrative future in super-specialty medicine, buttressed the technocentric approach, which also happened to concur with the tastes of the affluent and the middle class. This trajectory of events has had an enormous impact on the present-day Indian health care.

### Focus on hospitalisation

While the well-to-do section has always rooted for 'high-tech' medical care, this preference has now trickled down to even the suburban section, which lacks the wherewithal to pay for such interventions. Colossal health insurance schemes like Ayushman Bharat that harp on providing insurance to the poor largely for private hospitalisation – when the most impoverishing expenses are incurred on basic medical care – are at least partly influenced by the passionate popular demand for the so-called high-quality medical care and bespeak the deformity in the health-care system today.

The way this has affected medi-



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cal manpower and its dynamics also warrants attention. It took 37 years after the landmark Bhore Committee report (1946), which highlighted the need for a 'social physician' as a key player in India's health system, to finally recognise family medicine as a separate speciality – and another decade and a half to actuate a postgraduate residency in family medicine.

The highest professional body representing doctors in this country, the Medical Council of India (MCI), itself came to be dominated by specialists with no representation from primary care. There is a proposal to replace the MCI with a National Medical Commission (NMC) but the situation is unlikely to be much different with the new organisation.

The current opposition to training mid-level providers under the NMC Act 2019 is another example of how the present power struc-

ture is inimical to primary health care. Despite the presence of evidence proving that practitioners of modern medicine (say medical assistants) trained through short-term courses, like those of a 2-3 year duration, can greatly help in providing primary health care to the rural population, any such proposal in India gets robustly opposed by the orthodox allopathic community. Proposals to train practitioners of indigenous systems of medicine, like Ayurveda, in modern medicine are also met with similar opposition.

Such medical assistants, and non-allopathic practitioners, have time and again been written-off as 'half-baked quacks' who would only endanger the health of the rural masses. Such criticism ignores the fact that nations like the U.K. and the U.S. are consistently training paramedics and nurses to become physician assistants or associates through two-year courses in modern medicine.

### Examples of U.K., Japan

Many countries, including the U.K. and Japan, have found a way around this by generously incentivising general practitioners (GPs) in both pecuniary and non-pecuniary terms, and scrupulously designing a system that strongly favours primary health care. What this careful nurturing has meant is that while a community of professionals in our part of the world has thwarted positive change, profes-

sionals of the same community in these countries have helped defend that very positive change.

Three broad takeaways emerge. One, it is imperative to actively begin reclaiming health from the ivory towers called 'hospitals'. This could help in gradually changing the expectations of the layman and reversing the aspirations of medical professionals from being unduly oriented towards high-tech, super-specialty care. Given the current trends, however, this looks like a far-fetched possibility.

Two, we need to find a way to adequately empower and ennoble PCPs and give them a prominent voice in our decision-making processes pertaining to health care. This can create a bastion of primary health care professionals who can then fight to keep their enclave unscathed. Three, a gate-keeping system is needed, and no one should be allowed to bypass the primary doctor to directly reach the specialist, unless situations such as emergencies so warrant. It is only because of such a system that general practitioners and primary health care have been able to thrive in U.K.'s health system. In view of the current resurgence of interest in comprehensive primary health care in India, one earnestly hopes that these key lessons will be remembered.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Silencing Opposition

Politics apart, it was agonising to read the news item "Chidambaram sent to Tihar jail till Sept. 19 in INX Media case" (Front page, Sept. 6). One wonders whether the Bharatiya Janata Party government, empowered by the massive mandate it has received, finds it par for the course to hound political opponents. The message seems to be that rather than engage in debate and dialogue on issues like the dilution of Article 370, the National Register of Citizens and the merger of Public Sector Banks, the country should just swallow the pills without a yell.

R.M. MANOHARAN,  
Nabadwip, Nadia district, West Bengal

### Call for CVs

The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

administration's recent move to seek the CVs of 12 emeritus professors is an attempt at harassment and humiliation. Emeritus professors are in a position to offer their teaching services without the many encumbrances faced by serving professors. They shouldn't be asked to submit any evidence of their abilities – their selfless service is sufficient to prove their worthiness. Perhaps the main apprehension of the JNU top brass is that these eminent minds have been critical of the establishment. The powers that be may not like their voices but the student community has an inherent urge to listen to them. Dissenting voices have to be heard in a pluralistic society.

CHANGHAL NANDY,  
West Burdwan, West Bengal

### Teaching profession

In his article "Teaching in the time of consumerism," Krishna Kumar has pointed out the reasons the Indian youth are reluctant to take up a teaching job. The field of teaching has undergone a paradigm shift in the last 40 years. When late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi requested scholars settled in other countries to contribute to their respective fields in India, most of them expressed their willingness. Teaching for them was a passion, a service, and not just a job that paid a salary. At present, when everything is evaluated in terms of its monetary value, it is unsurprising that not many want to enter the teaching profession. The irony here is that while parents want their children to be taught by the best teachers, they

are averse to seeing them aspire to become teachers.

SATYENDRA SRIVASTAVA,  
Delhi

■ In this day and age of cut-throat competition, coaching institutes have turned out to be a thriving industry. But to call them the "underbelly" of the education system, as Mr. Kumar does, is unfair and unjust. The very fact that there is a spur in the growth of such institutes is clear indication that schools in the country aren't equipped enough to train the students for career-oriented competitive exams. There is no denying that coaching institutes with their exorbitant fee structure and 'spoon-feeding' pedagogy have all the more encouraged rote learning. But there are also centres compassionate enough to

lend a helping hand to those potential candidates who can't afford the high fees, thus helping them realise their dreams. There are instances of ex-IAS officers and IIT graduates running such institutes after leaving their illustrious careers. They take up teaching for the sheer joy of it, with the intention of giving something back to the society and shaping young minds.

ASHWINI MENON,  
Kochi

### Ill-advised move

As a retired executive of a Public Sector Bank, I hold the view that the proposed bank mergers are both ill-timed and poorly thought-

out (Parley, "Will PSB mergers alter the banking scenario," Sept. 9). Though the Finance Minister has assured that there won't be any job losses, there could be truncation of staff strength in the future due to a reduction in recruitment of personnel. Poor credit growth, weak recoveries and ever increasing Non-Performing Assets are plaguing the system. But the government, in a rather tone-deaf manner, is going ahead mechanically with its agenda of bank consolidation.

R.S. RAGHAVAN,  
Bengaluru

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# Wheels of misfortune

The automobile industry is in the grip of an unprecedented crisis. The downturn in the economy has led to a dip in production and huge job losses across the country. **Ashok Kumar, M. Soundariya Preetha and Sangeetha Kandavel** report on the anxieties of the workers and the industry

July was a difficult month for 28-year-old Rohit Rana. Since 2012, Rana had been employed in a diesel machine shop at Maruti Suzuki's Gurugram plant in Haryana. As the eldest of three siblings, it became Rana's responsibility to take care of his father, a retired Delhi Transport Corporation employee, and his ailing mother. He had got his younger sister and brother married off last year. His parents were looking for a bride for him. But their plans went askew when Rana, a contractual employee, suddenly lost his job in July.

Rana recalls how the contractor broke the news to him and about 40 others on July 13. "We were asked to go on leave for three months," he says. The contractor said that production had dipped due to the slowdown in the economy, and their leave period could be extended. "This came as a shock to us. Many of my co-workers have families to take care of. They live in rented houses. We lost our jobs without any prior intimation. Some of us had worked at the plant for over a decade," says Rana.

"I cannot go back to my parents and ask them to pay for my expenses," says Rana. "I tried to look for a job at Maruti's vendor companies in and around Gurugram, but I had no luck. Everyone spoke of the slowdown and said they were not hiring. In fact, there have been layoffs at vendor companies too, to cut costs." Rana has now joined a BPO in Udyog Vihar. He gets about one-third of the salary he was earning at Maruti Suzuki, which is barely enough to pay for his room rent at Mullahera village in Haryana and meet his daily expenses. He is desperately hoping for a turnaround.

**Indefinite leave**

Across India, the automobile industry, employing about 3.7 crore people directly and indirectly, has been caught in a downward spiral. This began in the last quarter of 2018-19 and has only been intensifying since. The slowdown, triggered by low consumer sentiment, non-availability of liquidity, and other factors, has led to job losses and low production. Even as the government scrambles to come up with solutions, workers who have been laid off are uncertain and anxious about their future.

Bikram Singh, 26, has returned to his village in Punjab after being told in August by Maruti Suzuki to go on indefinite leave. He is yet to break the news to his parents. He has started searching for a new job, but he has little hope of earning anything close to what he had been earning at Maruti Suzuki. "I had worked for almost seven years to get a salary of ₹15,000 per month. Even if I find a job, I will have to make a new beginning. I have a family to support, so I have to take whatever comes my way," he says.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a senior official at Maruti Suzuki's Gurugram plant says the production of cars has reduced to almost half since July – from 60,000 to 30,000 vehicles per month. With demand only shrinking, the third assembly line of the plant has been shut, while the first assembly line is running on a single shift, he says. Typically, a plant has three assembly lines and two shifts. The official says that 700-odd contractual workers, who had been on the rolls of the company for a decade or so, were asked to go on leave.

The Union General Secretary of Maruti Udyog Kamgar, Kuldeep Janghu, says the union had suggested to the management that it should stop hiring temporary workers instead of sending contractual staff, who have been employed for a long time, on leave. Temporary workers are typically hired for 6-7 months.

Production at the Gurugram plant dipped by 30-35% in July compared to 25% in June. August was even worse, says a production department official.

"It seems like we are heading towards a situation similar to what we saw in 2000. At that time, production had reduced to almost half, and the company was forced to introduce a voluntary retirement scheme to cut expenditure," says Janghu.

**Cause of slowdown**

Parmeet Singh Sood, Managing Director of Climax Overseas Private Limited, concedes that the automotive industry, which has about 50% share in manufacturing GDP, has been down for over six months due to reduction in demand. Climax Overseas is a tier-two supplier to several original equipment manufacturers including Maruti, Honda, Hero, Toyota and Tata. A manufacturer and supplier of all types of automotive components including track control arms, tie rod ends, ball joints and stabiliser links, Sood says the demand for these components has gone down by 25-30%, which he calls "humongous". His company has managed to stay afloat because it has a sizeable share in the export market, which has grown over the past one year.

But though his company is not required to send workers home, Sood has been running it on a tight leash. Cuts



Across India, the automobile industry, employing about 3.7 crore people directly and indirectly, has been caught in a downward spiral. Assembled cars at the Maruti Suzuki plant at Manesar. (Below): A worker inspects automobile components at Indoshell Cast's foundry in Coimbatore. **• V.V. KRISHNAN/ M. PERIASAMY**



its, which are mostly the ancillary units, of the three auto giants in the region – Maruti Suzuki India Limited, Hero MotoCorp, and Honda Motor Company.

"Over the past year and more, 16 automotive units have shut shop rendering at least 20,000 workers jobless. With the three original equipment manufacturers registering a fall in production to even 30%, their ancillary units have also felt the heat and lost business. When the Maruti Suzuki management accepts that it has not renewed the contract of 3,000 temporary workers, the loss of jobs across the ancillary units in the area is anyone's guess," says Shukla.

**Contractual workers hit**

The vice president of the Bellsonica Auto Component India Employees Union, Ajit Singh, says the production of the company, which is a tier-1 supplier to Maruti Suzuki, has declined to almost 30% over the last 10 months and 400 contractual workers have been sent home. "We have filed a case in the labour department against the retrenchment of the workers. The situation has worsened. Maruti's announcement to shut down production for two days (September 7-9) is not a good sign either," he says.

Only a little over a hundred automotive units in the region have workers' unions. Layoffs in other factories have mostly gone unnoticed as companies are sending workers home in batches of 10-20. Most of the retrenched workers who earned ₹10,000-15,000 a month prefer to look for odd jobs instead of knocking at the doors of the labour courts or the labour department to fight a legal battle.

According to the Gurugram District Industries Centre, there are 1,950 automotive units in the district employing 62,300 permanent employees. Almost 80% of the workers employed in the au-

**Imposition of safety regulations, increase in road tax, high interest rates, and low availability of finance all came together unfortunately [to cause the slump].**

**R.C. BHARGAVA**  
Chairman, Maruti Suzuki



tomotive sector in the region are contractual or temporary workers.

The Haryana president of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions, Satbir Singh, says workers' unions had compiled a charter of demands to their respective companies but these demands have not been addressed in a long time because of the slowdown. The layoffs and unmet demands have now led to protests in the region.

**Impact on the local economy**

To make matters worse, the job loss in the automotive sector has also hit the local economy of the villages in Gurugram and the Industrial Model Township (IMT) in Manesar, which depend mostly on the income from these workers. With the agricultural land of villages such as Kasan, Khoh, Naurangpur, Dhorka, Naharpur Kasan and Manesar having been acquired for the IMT or bought over by private builders, a vast majority of the villagers are now dependent on the migrant workers employed in the industrial units in the region.

"The migrant workers from Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh are returning to their native places. This has hit the incomes of the local villagers as well. Even saloons, grocery shop owners, vegetable vendors and sweet shops in the area have registered a fall in the sales," says Rakesh from Khoh village. Taxi owners have also lost business. "Earlier I got a business of ₹1-2 lakh per month from the ancillary units in Manesar. But that reduced to half in July and went down further in August. The automotive units have reduced the hiring of taxis for the visiting staff to cut costs. We were earlier hit by Ola and Uber. Now we have received yet another blow," says Anil Handa, who runs a taxi service in Gurugram.

**Trouble down south**

The original equipment manufacturers in the Gurugram-Manesar-Bawal belt account for around 50% of the cars and 35% of the two-wheelers manufactured in India. Besides this belt, the automotive industry has two other main centres: Chennai in Tamil Nadu, where Ford Motor and Hyundai Motor plants are located, and Pune in Maharashtra, where Tata Motors and Fiat have plants.

In the manufacturing hub of Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, the slump in automobile sales has hit foundries, workers, and engineering processing industries, among others, which all cater to the automobile sector. The worst affected are the units that supply parts for heavy vehicles.

At Pricol, a tier-one supplier to two-wheeler commercial vehicles and tractor manufacturers, Managing Director Vikram Mohan says the company is dealing with the blow by putting a freeze on hiring workers, cutting down on employee travels, using video conferences for meetings, and organising townhall meetings for workers. He says they now have block closures for three or four days a month in some production facilities. "We are also consolidating our vendor base. In the next 12 months, the plan is to jettison at least 35% of the vendors so that the good ones can be strengthened. We would not have looked at these measures if the industry was doing well," he says. Pricol is an electronics-oriented company and imports all its electronic requirements. "Compared to our planned sales, we are down 10%-15% every month," he says.

**We had 120 tonnes of components delivered to us. But we have been asked not to machine (process) these parts. Since the parts were supplied to us, we had to bill it and pay ₹12 lakh GST on it.**

**M. PARTHIBAN AND R. JAYAKUMAR**  
Partners, Prim Engineering

About 40 workers, majority of them women, are busy inspecting the machined parts at Indoshell Cast, a foundry, in Coimbatore. The buzz of air grinders and clank of metals at the inspection room is in sharp contrast to the silence in the adjacent despatch hall. Machined castings, packed in sacks, are stocked here, waiting to be picked up. "We usually despatch the finished goods in 24 hours. But now buyers who placed orders are not taking the parts," says an employee.

Nearly 60% of the machined castings at Indoshell are for the automobile sector. Managing Director J. Ganesh Kumar says production is down almost 40%. Since the auto sector saw growth in 2018-2019, there was a push for expansion. But problems began in February-March. "We work only five days a week. The number of contract and casual workers has reduced. And we do not operate all the furnaces," he says. The company used to employ 950 workers. Now there are 550.

At Prim Engineering, production is just 15% for more than a month now. "We had 120 tonnes of components delivered to us. But we have been asked not to machine (process) these parts," says M. Parthiban, one of the partners. "Since the parts were supplied to us, we had to bill it and pay ₹12 lakh GST on it," adds R. Jayakumar, another partner.

**Same story in the 'Detroit of Asia'**  
The auto hub of Chennai, popularly

**We lost our jobs without any prior intimation. I tried to look for a job at Maruti's vendor companies in and around Gurugram, but I had no luck.**

**ROHIT RANA**  
Former employee, Maruti Suzuki's Gurugram plant

called the 'Detroit of Asia', is facing one of its worst crises. Chennai has installed capacity to produce one car every 20 seconds (three cars per minute) and one commercial vehicle every 90 seconds. Tamil Nadu accounted for 45% of India's motor vehicles and cars exports in 2017-18. Chennai accounts for about 33% of India's auto parts production. The three prominent auto clusters near Chennai – Sriperumbudur, Oragadam and Maraimalai Nagar – have shown several thousands of employees the door. Though auto and auto component firms have not published official numbers on the number of jobs lost, union members from various firms say that over 10,000 workers, including contract workers, have been slowly and silently sent out.

S. Kannan, President of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions, Kancheepuram district, claims that over 15,000 workers have been laid off till date. "There have been layoffs at Apollo Tyres, JK Tyres, Nissan, and Yamaha, among others. The Centre and the State governments have not dealt with this issue well." Some compensation should be given to those who have lost their jobs, he adds.

At the Yamaha plant, employees have been given all kinds of excuses to be laid off, says an employee, Suresh. "I was not well, so I slept for a while on the shop floor. I was asked to leave immediately," he says.

For Anand (name changed), this is his second job. He recalls that many auto firms came to Tamil Nadu in the early 2000s. "Most of them hired people from in and around Kancheepuram. At that time, the local people here were engaged in weaving and handloom. When the auto firms offered lucrative salaries, good food, and transport to and from work, many youngsters dropped out of diploma courses and left their family businesses to join these firms."

While Hyundai Motor India Limited says it is "not considering layoffs of employees or contract workers," employees at Apollo Tyres, which has a greenfield facility in Chennai, say many at the plant have lost jobs in the last month alone. None of them is willing to speak to the media, though. The spokesperson of Apollo Tyres says the "demand for tyres in the replacement market is still strong, but the slowdown in vehicle sales has resulted in lower demand from the original equipment manufacturers". The Ennore plant of Ashok Leyland has sent a notice to its employees on September 5 informing them that there will be 'non-working' days. This is a scary prospect for workers. "Those who left their family businesses and joined these firms don't know any other work other than handling and assembling cars," says Anand. "Where will we look for jobs?"



FROM PAGE ONE

Indus Valley settlers had distinct genetic lineage

They saw that Iranian-related ancestry in South Asians comes from a lineage that separated from ancient Iranian farmers and hunter-gatherers before those groups split from each other, nearly 9,000 years ago.

The researchers, therefore, concluded that farming in South Asia was not due to the movement of people from the farming cultures of the west and that local foragers adopted it.

“Researchers find no trace of the Anatolian-related ancestry that is a hallmark of the spread of farming to the west, but the

Iranian-related ancestry they detected in South Asians comes from a lineage that separated from ancient Iranian farmers and hunter-gatherers before those groups split from each other,” a statement highlighting the findings says.

“Prior to the arrival of steppe pastoralists bringing their Indo-European languages about 4,000 years ago, we find no evidence of large-scale movements of people into South Asia,” David Reich, a geneticist and a co-author of the study, based in the United States, said in a statement.

Madras High Court Chief Justice to quit

She had an impeccable record of having been a judge for nearly two decades.

Though she was due to retire from service on October 2, 2020, the sudden transfer to a much smaller High Court upset her, she told them. Sources at the dinner told *The Hindu* that almost all High Court judges requested her to reconsider her decision to resign.

“However, she was resolute and refused to budge. People could feel her pain. She said, her conscience was clear and that she would be leaving the institution with the satisfaction of having performed well,” a source said.

In the meantime, a section of lawyers practising in the Madras High Court shot off a representation to the Supreme Court stating that “these kind of arbitrary transfers whittle away the independence of the judiciary and the confidence of judges.”

The representation had been signed by advocates N.G.R. Prasad, G. Masilamani, R. Vaigai and 100 others.

“To now transfer her to one of the smallest High Courts is nothing short of a punishment and a humiliation. It cannot be justified on the principle of administrative interests, which is an expression that can be used in every case. It is ironical that a person of her seniori-

**These kind of arbitrary transfers whittle away the independence of the judiciary and the confidence of judges**

LAWYERS’ MEMORANDUM

ty is being assigned to the smallest High Court. Any transfer should meet with an element of fairness but it is noticed, of late, that there appear to be no norms in the matter of transfer of judges,” the memorandum said.

**‘No checks & balances’**

Recalling the words of former Supreme Court judge V. Khaliid that transfer could be a more dangerous weapon than dismissal, the lawyers said: “It is a matter of concern that there are no checks and balances in matters of administration of judiciary. The style of functioning of the collegium leaves one with the impression that the High Court is subordinate to the collegium. This affects the majesty of the High Courts and erodes their primacy of position in the constitutional scheme of things.”

They requested the collegium to reconsider the transfer and ensure that the confidence of the Bar and the Bench and the litigant public “did not get eroded further.”

SIT finds multiple lapses in Pehlu Khan case probe



A file photo of Pehlu Khan's wife and sons at a press conference in New Delhi. ■ SANDEEP SAXENA

The lapses detected by the team included an IO's failure to produce the video footage of the lynching incident in a professional manner and the clearing of the suspects named by Khan in his dying declaration without solid evidence.

Dairy farmer Khan, 55, and his sons were transporting cows, after purchasing them in a cattle fair in Jaipur, to their hometown Nuh in Haryana on April 1, 2017, when they were waylaid near Behror on the Jaipur-Delhi national highway by self-styled cow vigilantes and assaulted after being accused of smuggling the cattle. Khan died of his injuries in a hospital two days later.

**Video not certified**

Though a video of the incident, shot on a mobile phone, had sparked nationwide outrage, the court refused to treat it as admissible evidence in the absence of its certification by the fo-

rensic science laboratory and also because of the IO's failure to seize the mobile phone and produce it in the court.

The SIT has pointed out loopholes left by four IOs, who joined the probe at different stages of investigation.

**Six acquitted**

After the CID-CB gave a clean chit to the six persons named by Khan from his hospital bed, a new set of nine accused, three of them minors, were arraigned on the basis of the video of the attack.

Six of these accused were acquitted by the sessions court, giving them the benefit of the doubt in view of the prosecution's theory being “unreliable” and not sufficient to prove their involvement in the crime. The three minors are facing proceedings as children in conflict with law at the Juvenile Justice Board in Alwar.

Respond to pleas against UAPA amendments, SC tells Centre

Govt. now has unfettered powers to categorise a person as a terrorist: petitioners

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Union government to respond to petitions challenging its decision to amend the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act giving it powers to categorise anyone as a terrorist.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi issued notice to the Centre on petitions filed by Sajal Awasthi and the Association for Protection of Civil Rights, an NGO, which said the amended law allowed the government to freely encroach upon the fundamental rights of dignity, free speech, dissent and reputation.

The petitions said the UAPA Amendment Act of 2019, passed by Parliament, gave the Centre “discretionary, unfettered and unbound powers” to categorise a per-



son as a terrorist. The law could now be used by the government to bring a person into disrepute, and even worse, rob him or her liberty. The heavy burden to prove the entire government machinery wrong would lie on the person.

“The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019 seeks to substantially modify Chapter VI of the Unlawful Activities (Pre-

vention) Act, 1967 and Section 35 and 36 therein. The new Section 35 of the UAPA Act, 1967 empowers the Central government to categorise any individual as ‘terrorist’ and add name of such a person in Schedule 4 of the Act,” Mr. Awasthi contended.

**Right to reputation**

The petition said the right to reputation was an intrinsic

part of fundamental right to life with dignity under Article 21 of the Constitution and tagging an individual as “terrorist” even before the commencement of trial or any application of judicial mind over it, did not amount to following the “procedure established by law”.

“The right to dissent is a part and parcel of fundamental right to free speech and expression and therefore, cannot be abridged in any circumstances except for mentioned in Article 19 (2). The UAPA 2019 empowers the ruling government, under the garb of curbing terrorism, to impose indirect restriction on the right to dissent which is detrimental for our developing democratic society,” it said. Instead of preserving the dignity of an individual, the government sought to encroach upon it, it added.

West Bengal Assembly rules out NRC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
KOLKATA

In an unprecedented show of unity, the West Bengal Assembly on Friday passed a resolution opposing the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam. It also ruled out the possibility of any such exercise in the State.

The development comes within a week of the release of the final list of the Assam NRC, from which over 19 lakh people have been left out.

The resolution, tabled under Rule 185 of the Rules of Procedures of Conduct of Business of the House, was supported by members of the Trinamool Congress from the Treasury benches and legislators of the Left parties and the Congress from the Opposition benches. Only a handful of BJP members opposed the resolution, which was passed after a three-hour debate.

“We do not accept the NRC. What has happened in Assam can never happen in Bengal,” Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said. She thanked Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for opposing a similar exercise in his State. Issues like this were propped up to divert people's attention from the economic distress faced by the country, Ms. Banerjee alleged.

Anti-NRC shutdown affects life in Assam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
GUWAHATI

A 12-hour shutdown imposed by the Rashtriya Bajrang Dal against a “faulty National Register of Citizens (NRC)” partially affected life in Assam on Friday.

The shutdown, however, had no impact in Guwahati and a few other major towns.

The police said there were no incidents of violence apart from the blockade of roads by mobs. Some members of the Bajrang Dal and affiliates were detained in eastern Assam's Dibrugarh for allegedly trying to stop the screening of a newly released Assamese film.

The Assam unit of the Bajrang Dal accused the NRC authorities of deliberately coming out with an erroneous document containing the names of Bangladeshi Muslim immigrants.

“NRC State Coordinator Prateek Hajela has legitimised lakhs of such immigrants despite many leaders including former Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia and Union Minister Kiren Rijiju saying Assam has at least 50 lakh Bangladeshis,” a spokesperson of the unit asserted.

It demanded the reupdating of the NRC based on 1951



All-round dissent: Congress MP Abdul Khaleque addressing a press conference on the NRC in Guwahati on Friday. ■ PTI

as the cut-off date, granting of citizenship to the Hindu refugees and their rehabilitation in various States and inclusion of the names of excluded indigenous people in the NRC.

**Tribunal hurdle**

Santanu Bharali, legal advisor to Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, said the State government was finding it tough to make the 200 new Foreigners' Tribunals operational as the NRC authorities had not shared district-wise numbers of the excluded people.

“The government is ready to start the tribunals, but we are waiting for the data on district-wise exclusions,” he said, adding that the NRC authorities would have to put in place a security regime as in the case of Aad-

haar before sharing the data. Leaders of the Bharatiya Gorkha Parisangha on Friday met Assam Home Commissioner Ashutosh Agnihotri and requested that the government provide relief to more than 20,000 Gurkha doubtful (D) voters excluded from the final NRC.

Along with their dependents, the number of excluded Gurkhas is more than 1 lakh, the organisation said.

“The Ministry of Home Affairs in October 2018 said the Gurkhas cannot be tried in Foreigners' Tribunals,” said community leader Nanda Kirati Dewan. “But members of the community have nevertheless been tried in the tribunals, made D-voters and struck off the NRC. The government has to get out of its complacency and move the court,” he added.

I'm not acting as a 'Super Chief Minister': Digvijaya

Defends writing letters to Ministers

SANDEEP PHUKAN  
SIDHARTH YADAV  
NEW DELHI/BHOPAL

Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh on Friday rejected the charge of being a “Super Chief Minister” of Madhya Pradesh, and defended his practice of writing to State Ministers asking for appointments.

“The Congress government has been formed due to the hard work of party workers. They come to me for their work and letters of the same were forwarded to Ministers,” he told presspersons.

The former two-time CM had recently asked Ministers to give him appointment so that he could follow up on development work and his recommendations for transfers. “What was wrong in the letter if I wanted to know about the action on these letters in accordance with law. This is my responsibility as an MP,” he said and added that Chief Minister Kamal Nath did not need a “Super CM as he is a strong leader himself”.



Digvijaya Singh

His response came just days after Forest Minister Umang Singh had accused him of “blackmailing” the government.

In a letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Mr. Singh alleged that Mr. Singh was trying to ‘destabilise’ the nine-month-old Kamal Nath government.

Asked about these charges, Mr. Singh said it was for Ms. Gandhi and Mr. Nath, who also heads the PCC, to respond. “This entire episode [Mr. Singhar's allegations] started when I alleged that BJP IT Cell leader Dhruv Saxena and Bajrang Dal leader Balram Singh were caught taking money from the ISI [of Pakistan],” he said.

BJP delegation visits China, calls for cut in trade deficit

‘Countries should respect each other's sensitivities’

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

An 11-member BJP delegation led by party general secretary Arun Singh, which visited China at the invitation of the Communist Party of China, made it clear that “sensitivities and aspirations” of both countries were to be respected for better relations, while making a pitch for a reduction in trade deficit and more cooperation in the fields of pharmaceuticals, agriculture and tourism.

**Informal summit**

The visit, (from August 26 to September 1) between political parties, comes after a gap of nearly a decade and in the run-up to the second edition of an informal summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping, to be held in Mamallapuram between October 10 and 12.

Mr. Singh was accompanied by the BJP's foreign affairs cell chief Vijay Chauthaiwale, economic affairs cell



Arun Singh with CPC standing committee member Ye Zhenqin.

chief Gopal Krishna Agarwal and several others.

The delegation met with CPC standing committee member Ye Zhenqin, Guo Yezhou (vice minister of IDCPC) and Song Tao, minister of IDCPC, to whom a letter from Home Minister Amit Shah addressed to President Xi Jinping was also handed over.

**Article 370**

The delegation members said the dilution of Article 370 was raised in the meetings held with members of the CPC, but that the Indian side had conveyed that

Aircel-Maxis case hearing adjourned

ED seeks time to gather evidence

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

In an unprecedented happening, a Delhi court on Friday adjourned *sine die* the hearing in the Aircel-Maxis corruption and money laundering cases against former Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram and his son Karti.

Special Judge O.P. Saini adjourned the hearing on separate requests by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) made through Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta and Special Public Prosecutors. The two probe agencies wanted the proceedings put off till they gathered more evidence.

In separate applications, the ED and the CBI also said that letters rogatory had been sent to different countries and responses to them were still awaited.

“Since further investigation is pending since long



P. Chidambaram

and the prosecution has been seeking adjournment after adjournment, it would be in the interest of justice, if the instant cases are adjourned *sine die*, with liberty to the prosecution to get them revived as soon as it is able to complete the investigation on collection of further evidence and/or receipt of responses to letters rogatory,” Mr. Saini said in his order.

Mr. Chidambaram is now in judicial custody in the INX Media case.

Appeal to live-stream Ayodhya case with CJI

It deals with a sensitive issue: Bench

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court Bench on Friday referred to Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi a plea for live-streaming of the ongoing Ayodhya title dispute hearings.

The CJI is likely to hear on September 11 the petition filed by activist K.N. Govindacharya.

The Bench led by Justice Robinton Narimam, while hearing the petition, said the ‘open court system’ did not mean outsiders are privy to proceedings. It merely meant the court was open to litigants to attend proceedings.

The Bench asked whether it would be right to live-stream the Ayodhya proceedings, as it dealt with a sensitive issue.

Senior advocate Vikas Singh said the issue was one of social and constitutional gravity. If not live-streamed, the proceedings should at least be audio-recorded and transcripts made available.

The Govindacharya petition reminded the court of its own judgment of September 2018 that ordered live-streaming of hearings in momentous cases of national importance. The judgment is yet to be implemented.

The petitioner said the case, “famously known as



Activist K.N. Govindacharya, who moved the SC, feels that live-streaming will ensure transparency.

the Ayodhya Ram Mandir matter”, had created large-scale interest across India.

**Pending for nine years**

“The Supreme Court has already held that sunlight is the best disinfectant. Live-streaming as an extension of the principle of open courts will ensure that the interface between a court hearing with virtual reality will result in the dissemination of information in the widest possible sense, imparting transparency and accountability to the judicial process,” the petition said.

The Ayodhya case had been pending in the court for the last nine years, and the public at large was interested in knowing the reasons behind the delay in deciding cases at the court, it said.

Shehla Rashid booked on sedition charge

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

The Delhi police have filed a sedition case against activist Shehla Rashid for allegedly spreading misinformation about the situation in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370.

The Delhi police said a First Information Report (FIR) was registered on Wednesday against Ms. Rashid based on a complaint by a lawyer at the Tilak Marg police station.

“An FIR has been registered under IPC Section 124-A (sedition), 153-A (Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony), 153 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot),” said a police officer.

The case has been transferred to the Special Cell for investigation.

Most of the tweets referred to in the complaint were made around August 18.



# U.S. seeks easing of curbs in Kashmir

‘Concerned by widespread detentions,’ says U.S. spokesperson



**MORGAN ORTUGUS**  
U.S. State Department spokesperson

**We urge authorities to respect human rights and restore access to Internet and mobiles**

The U.S. government has expressed its continuing concern over the situation in Kashmir following India's decision to dilute Article 370 on August 5, a move which stripped the State's special status, and the ensuing restrictions in place in the region.

"We continue to be very concerned by widespread detentions, including of local political and business leaders, and the restrictions on the residents of the region," State Department spokesperson Morgan Ortugus said.

Ms. Ortugus's comments were emailed to *The Hindu*.

"We are also concerned about reports that Internet and mobile phone access continues to be blocked in certain regions," she said.

"We urge authorities to respect human rights and restore access to services such as the Internet and mobile networks. We look for-

ward to the Indian government's resumption of political engagement with local leaders and the scheduling of promised elections at the earliest opportunity," she said.

The U.S. has, since August 5, been monitoring the situation in Kashmir and made comments and released statements, both from Wash-

ington DC and New Delhi.

The Indian Embassy in Washington DC has also consistently said that Article 370 is an internal matter, that it was undertaken for socio-economic development and good governance reasons and that restrictions are being progressively eased.

"Some of our detractors are spreading false rumours, including through the U.S. media, and it is malicious in nature," Indian Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla told *The Washington Times*.

Earlier in the week, the Indian Embassy released a video in which Mr. Shringla said the media, especially the U.S. media, were putting out "half-truths, untruths, factually incorrect information". The most widely circulated U.S. newspapers and media outlets such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* have carried reports highlighting the difficulties caused by the restrictions.

# Opposition questions aid to Russia

Centre justifies decision, says it will boost India-Russia trade and attract businesses

**SUHASINI HAIDAR**  
NEW DELHI

The Opposition on Friday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of a \$1-billion (₹7,167 crore) line of credit (LOC) to Russia for the development of the Russian Far East.

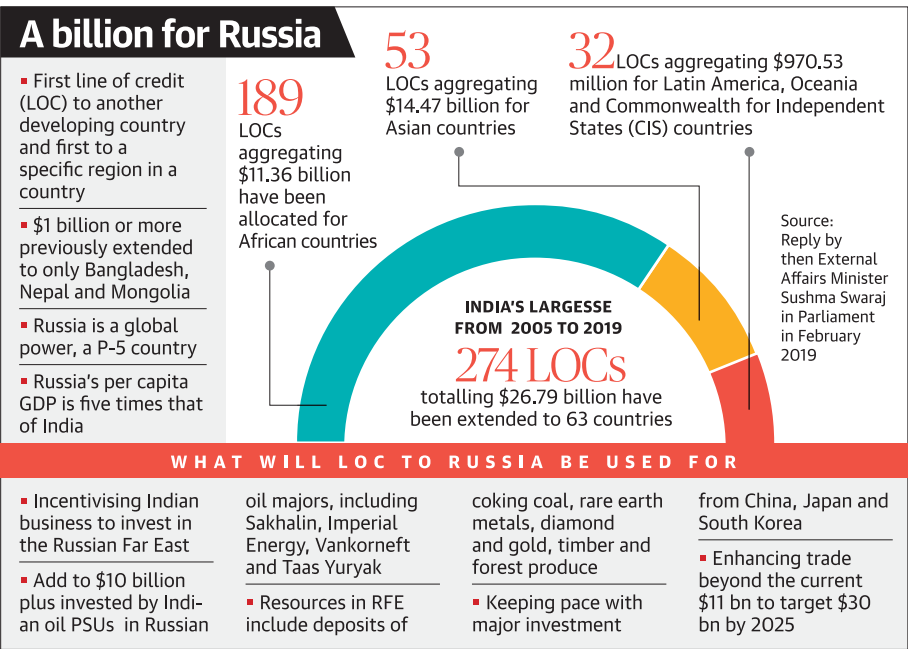
This is the first time India has extended an LOC to another developing country (so far, such assistance has gone only to least developed countries). The announcement was made in Vladivostok on Thursday.

Citing the current economic scene, the Opposition asked why India should help finance projects in a country that had ample resources.

**‘Headline management’**

"India needs a booster dose, not Russia," said Congress leader and MP Jairam Ramesh, who accused the government of "headline management" just days after the RBI had transferred ₹1.76 lakh crore from its surplus reserves to the government.

"What is the rationale of India extending a loan of \$1 billion for development of the Russian Far East, while



our country cannot find sufficient resources for a stimulus package," asked Kerala Finance Minister T.M. Thomas Isaac in a tweet.

Critics said that while Russia's GDP figures were far behind India's in recent years (\$1.6 trillion vs \$2.6 trillion at current prices, 2017), the GDP per capita for the average Russian is five times that

of the average Indian (\$10,961 vs \$2,014 at current prices, 2017 - IMF World Economic Outlook Database).

The External Affairs Ministry said the decision was based on a number of reasons, including the fact that there were large Chinese, Japanese and Korean investments in the region.

"The Indian line of credit will attract more Indian businesses to the Russian Far East," said a Ministry note in response to *The Hindu's* queries. It said that trade resulting from the line of credit would contribute to the target set by both countries of achieving \$30 billion of annual bilateral trade by 2025, which at present is less than \$11 billion.

## INTERVIEW | S. SASIKANTH SENTHIL

# “It’s the right time to speak up”

Karnataka-cadre IAS officer who quit says there is a threat to fundamental rights

**ANIL KUMAR SASTRY**  
MANGALURU

*The Karnataka-cadre IAS officer S. Sasikanth Senthil, who resigned from the civil services while serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Dakshina Kannada district in Karnataka, said it would be “unethical” to continue in government when the fundamental building blocks of democracy were “being compromised in an unprecedented manner”.*

**What made you take this rather abrupt decision?**

- It was long overdue. Many current developments have been disturbing me for quite some time. We enter service with an idealistic background to uphold the spirit

of the Constitution. When that gets eroded, we cannot speak being within the system, and hence the decision.

**What do you mean by current developments?**

- There are many indicators. Various institutions are being targeted. The economy is being brought down. There is huge public rhetoric. Public space is being shrunk. There is threat to fundamental rights. There is overall reversal of the system.

**Was there an immediate trigger?**

- Not as such. As I elaborated earlier, I cannot remain within the system and talk against it. If you are within the system, you will have to



**Various institutions are being targeted. The economy is being brought down. There is huge public rhetoric**

people at the helm of affairs do not raise their voice against the current developments, no one can. We have to question.

**Were you under any kind of local pressure in Dakshina Kannada?**

- Not at all. It was a pleasure working in Dakshina Kannada. People and public representatives of the district were extremely kind to me and I owe an apology to them for discontinuing the job vested on me midway.

**What are your future plans?**

- I don't have any specific plans as of now. As I said earlier, it is time to speak and question; that is what I will be doing.

# India, South Korea seal logistics pact

MoU to extend logistical support to each other's naval forces signed

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

India and South Korea concluded a military logistics agreement during the ongoing visit of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to Seoul. The two countries also formulated a forward-looking road map to take bilateral defence industry cooperation to the next level, the Defence Ministry said in a statement on Friday.

"The Ministers exchanged views on regional and international developments of mutual interest. Two MoUs to further defence educational exchanges and extend logistical support to each other's Navies were signed,"



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his South Korean counterpart Jeong Kyeong-doo in Seoul on Thursday. \* AP

the statement said on the talks between Mr. Singh and his South Korean counterpart Jeong Kyeong-doo.


A defence source said this foreign cooperation initiative would greatly help interoperability.

"India will be able to get assured logistic support when it operates in the Indo-Pacific in the ports of South

Korea." Such agreements extend the reach, presence and sustainability of Navy ships when deployed at great distances from home ports, the source added.

On the road map, Mr. Singh said it had listed a number of proposed areas of cooperation in land, aero and naval systems, research and development cooperation and collaboration in testing, certification and quality assurance.

Mr. Singh also invited the South Korean industry to explore the feasibility of local production of items, used in main weapon systems imported by defence public sector undertakings (PSUs).



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022	औद्योगिक संस्था Industrial Safety	01	औद्योगिक संस्था में न्यूनतम 60% कुल अंक (सभी सेमेस्टर/वर्षों का कुल) अथवा 10 पाईट माप क्रम में कम से कम 6.5 के सीजीपीए/सीपीआई के श्रेणीकरण के साथ प्रथम श्रेणी में एम.ई./एम.टेक. की उपाधि  M.E./M.Tech. in Industrial Safety in First Class with an aggregate minimum of 60% of marks (aggregate of all semesters/years) or CGPA/CPI grading of minimum 6.5 on a 10 point scale  और /AND  यात्रिका या रासायनिक इंजीनियरी में न्यूनतम 65% कुल अंक (सभी सेमेस्टर/ वर्षों का कुल) अथवा 10 पाईट माप क्रम में कम से कम 6.84 के सीजीपीए/सीपीआई के श्रेणीकरण के साथ प्रथम श्रेणी में बी.ई./बी.टेक. की पूर्ण योग्यता  Pre-eligibility qualification of B.E./B.Tech. in Mechanical or Chemical engineering in First Class with an aggregate minimum of 65% of marks (aggregate of all semesters/years) or CGPA/CPI grading of minimum 6.84 on a 10 point scale

इच्छुक उम्मीदवार विस्तृत जानकारी व मार्गदर्शन प्राप्त करने, और आवेदन देने के लिए <http://www.iprc.gov.in> पर जाएं। पोर्टल 09.09.2019 से 30.09.2019 तक आवेदन देने के लिए खुला रहेगा। / Interested candidates may visit <http://www.iprc.gov.in> for detailed information, guidelines and applying. The portal will be open for applying from 09.09.2019 to 30.09.2019.

प्रशासनिक अधिकारी (भर्ती) / Administrative Officer (Recruitment)  
इसरो नौदन कॉम्प्लेक्स / ISRO Propulsion Complex



RAYALASEEMA UNIVERSITY  
KURNOOL - 518 007, A.P., INDIA.  
No.RSU/Example-TENDER No. 1/IT Vendor/2019 Dated:06-09-2019

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e-Tenders are invited from IT Vendors for "Work Contract for three (3) years relating to the Technical Process for Examination and Results works to Rayalaseema University, Kurnool" through <https://apspcprocurement.gov.in> from 07-09-2019 to 21-09-2019. For more details visit [www.ruk.ac.in](http://www.ruk.ac.in).

Place: Kurnool  
Date: 06.09.2019

sd/- REGISTRAR



भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण  
AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

**E- TENDER NOTICE**  
Tender ID No: 2019\_AAI\_31046\_1

Airports Authority of India, Southern Region invites E-tender for License for Exclusive Advertisement Rights at Tuticorin Airport, Tuticorin for a period of five year. Minimum Reserve License Fee (MRLF)- Rs. 315/- per sq. ft. per month for 1000 Sq. Ft. Last date of sale of tender and submission of e-bids: 17.09.2019.

The portal address for e-tender is [www.etenders.gov.in](http://www.etenders.gov.in). For further details visit our website [www.aai.aero](http://www.aai.aero). Contact, Joint General Manager (Comml) / SR, Phone: 044-2256 0418, Email id: [g.m.commlsr@aai.aero](mailto:g.m.commlsr@aai.aero). Any Extension/Corrigendum regarding the above tenders will be published in AAI/CPP portal only and all are requested to visit our website for updates.

Regional Executive Director  
Southern Region, Chennai



Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001  
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109PB2010SG033813,  
Phone No. 0175-2213047, Fax No.0175-2225024  
Mob:096461-82644, 096461-11035 e-mail: [pcoablensteel@yahoo.in](mailto:pcoablensteel@yahoo.in)  
e-tendering page: <https://pspcl.abcpocure.com>

**TENDER NOTICE**

Short Description	Design, Manufacture, Testing Inspection, Packing and Delivery of ISI marked, Multi Core, LT, XLPE insulated PVC sheathed, Aluminum Conductor, unarmoured cable, as per IS: 7098 (Part-1)/1988 (with latest amendments/ revisions if any) and as per PSPCL specification: No.QQ-1298/PO/C&S of following sizes & Quantity S. No Size(mm²) Quantity (Km)
1	4Cx25mm² 950

Start date for downloading of Specification/tender documents from	04, September, 2019
Last date for downloading of specification/tender documents from	09, Oct, 2019 (upto 11:30 AM)
Last date for Bid submission	10, Oct, 2019 (upto 11:00 AM)
Bid opening date	10, Oct, 2019 (11:30 AM)

For Detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to <https://pspcl.abcpocure.com>.  
Note:- It is notified that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in Newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSPCL website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)

Chief Purchase Officer/MM  
Central Purchase Organisation  
PSPCL, Patiala

FILE No.C-350/19  
DPR PB 6987-C



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(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)

Regd.Office: Jangpatti, Bhubaneswar-751022, CIN:U4102OR2004SGC007553

**e-TENDER NOTICE NO. CPC-10/2019-20**

For and on behalf of ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD., Sr. G.M. (C.P.C) invites bids from reputed manufacturers in two part bidding system for supply of 220V, 350AH Vented Lead Acid Storage Battery (Plant type) for 220V/ DC auxiliary system of Grid substations. The interested bidders would be required to enroll themselves on the tender portal [www.tenderwizad.com/OPTCL](http://www.tenderwizad.com/OPTCL). Complete set of bidding documents are available at [www.tenderwizad.com/OPTCL](http://www.tenderwizad.com/OPTCL) from 07.09.2019 (11.00 Hrs.) to 29.09.2019 (13.00 Hrs.) Interested manufacturers may visit OPTCL's official website <http://www.optcl.co.in> and [www.tenderwizad.com/OPTCL](http://www.tenderwizad.com/OPTCL) for detail specification. N.B: All subsequent addendum/corrigendum to the tender shall be hosted in the OPTCL's official website <http://www.optcl.co.in>, [www.tenderwizad.com/OPTCL](http://www.tenderwizad.com/OPTCL) only.

CR-Advt.No.- 11/2019-20 Senior General Manager (C.P.C)  
Please connect us: [optcl.odisha](https://www.facebook.com/optcl.odisha) [optcl\\_odisha](https://www.twitter.com/optcl_odisha) [energyodisha](https://www.linkedin.com/company/optcl)



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AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

**VIJAYAWADA AIRPORT Tender Notice**

On behalf of Chairman sealed e-tender is invited for Application based CAB Aggregator at Vijayawada Airport for further details please visit AAI web site & e-tender web site: [www.aai.aero/](http://www.aai.aero/) [www.airportsindia.org.in](http://www.airportsindia.org.in) & <https://etenders.gov.in>  
Sd/- AIRPORT DIRECTOR



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AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

**Department of Airport Systems TENDER NOTICE**

Airports Authority of India invites E-Tender through Central Public Procurement Portal by Jt.General Manager (Airport systems), on behalf of Chairman AAI from Contracts of the work of CAMC of FID's Monitors and systems at Chennai Airport. Estimated Cost Rs. 1,34,65,439/- (Rupees One crore thirty four lakhs sixty five thousand four hundred thirty nine only) inclusive of GST. Period: 24 Months. Last date of submission of e-bid through CPP is up to 1700 hrs on 19.09.2019. For further details TENDER ID: 2019\_AAI\_31453\_1. Please visit AAI website : <https://etenders.gov.in>, [inprocure/cpp/](http://inprocure/cpp/) & [www.aai.aero](http://www.aai.aero).



TELANGANA STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.  
(A State Government Undertaking)  
Regd. Office : "B" Block, # 6-655/1A, Civil Supplies Bhavan, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-82, TS

e-Tender Reference No. Mkt/M2703/TG/2019-20 Date:07.09.2019

**e-TENDER NOTICE**

Tenders are invited for appointment of separate transport contractors for transportation of gunnies from Jute Mills & Godowns located in (1) Vizianagaram / Srikakulam District, AP State (Tender-I) (2) Eluru District, AP State (Tender-II) (3) West Bengal Sector-I (Tender-III) to various places in the Districts of Telangana State (4) West Bengal Sector-II (Tender-IV) to various places in the Districts of Telangana State (5) West Bengal Sector-III (Tender-V) to various places in the Districts of Telangana State (6) Chattisgarh State (Tender-VI) to various places in the Districts of Telangana State.

Particulars : (1) Technical Bid Opening. Date & Time : 19-09-2019 at 3.30 pm.  
(2) Financial Bid Opening. Date & Time : 19-09-2019 at 12.00 noon.

The e-tender notification can be viewed in the e-procurement web site of Telangana State at <https://tender.telangana.gov.in/> and TSCSCL Official site at [www.tscscl.telangana.gov.in/](http://www.tscscl.telangana.gov.in/). Tenders should be filed online <https://tender.telangana.gov.in/> Sd/- Vice Chairman & Managing Director



ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2nd Floor, Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri - 522 503  
Ph.No.8978622966 Fax: email: [aphmhid@gmail.com](mailto:aphmhid@gmail.com)

**TENDER NOTICE**  
NO.3/APMSIDC/ Equipment/2019-20 Dated: 06.09.2019

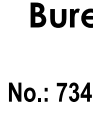
APMSIDC invites tenders through e-procurement platform for

- 1) RFP for Supply of fully Equipped Ambulances for providing Emergency Response Services (108) across Andhra Pradesh,
- 2) RFP for Supply of fully Equipped Mobile Medical Units for providing Healthcare Services (104) across Andhra Pradesh, 3) Procurement of Equipment for implementation of Dr. Y.S.R. KantiVelugu Mass Eye Screening Programme in AP, 4) Procurement and Supply of Spectacles under Dr YSR Kanti Velugu Programme in AP, 5) Procure, supply and Printing of 1,00,000 Sleeves 99 DOTS envelop for the roll out of 99 dots, 6) Procurement of CT Simulator machine to GGH Guntur, 7) Procurement of 141 Dental chairs to APVVP Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh Under NHM Scheme, 8) Procurement of DPL Equipment to Government Hospitals under the control of CH & FW, 9) Procurement of Mamography equipment to GGH Kakinada under Dr. YSRAHCT, 10) Procurement of 800 mA X-Ray machine to ACSRG GGH Nellore and other medical equipment under Dr YSRAHCT Budget, 11) Trauma Care Centers at GGH Ananthapuram and RIMSGGH Srikakulam under DME, 12) Procurement of Medical Equipment, Hospital Furniture and General Items to AH Pulivendula and CHC Mummidavaram, 13) Quality assessment of empanelled Hospitals under Dr. YSRAHCT.

1. For detailed notification and further details please visit the web site <http://msidc.ap.nic.in> & [www.tender.approcurement.gov.in](http://www.tender.approcurement.gov.in) Contact I/c. ED, APMSIDC on mobile 8978680708.

APMSIDC will reserve the right to cancel the tender at any time without assigning any reasons.

DIPR 126P/CPL, Dt.06/09/2019 Sd/- Managing Director



Bureau of Investment Promotion  
Udyog Bhawan, Jaipur

No.: 734 Jaipur, Date: 28-8-19

**Invitation for Expression of Interest**

Rajasthan Government through the Bureau of Investment Promotion (BIP), Department of Industries, seeks to engage services of a Public Relations (PR) Firm for a sustained PR campaign to develop 'Brand Rajasthan' as a destination full of opportunities for showcasing various socio-economic sectors for growth, prosperity, and employment generation in the State.

This is an invitation for submission of Expression of Interest from interested Public Relations firms engaged in the organized PR business in India.

The EOI Document containing the details of qualification criteria, submission requirement, brief objective is enclosed at Annexure A. The document can be downloaded from the State Public Procurement Portal (<https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>)


Applicants meeting the minimum eligibility criteria may be invited for presentation before a committee. Terms of Reference for bid document may be finalized after due discussion with the agencies so invited for the presentation.

Interested firms are requested to submit their expression of interest including proposal with profile of the firm in terms of turnover, experience with required information mentioned in Annexure A by 16th September, 2019 at 4.00 p.m. to Bureau of Investment Promotion, Udyog Bhawan, Jaipur in hard copy as well as at [bip.raja@nic.in](mailto:bip.raja@nic.in) in soft copy. For any clarification / assistance, you may contact Mr. Nagesh C. Sharma, General Manager on 0141-2227274, 2227713, 2227812, 2227188.

UBN No-BIP1920RFP0001

Commissioner (Inv. & NRs)  
Bureau of Investment Promotion

DIPR/C/7142



SOUTHERN RAILWAY

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF WORKSHOP MANAGER CENTRAL WORKSHOPS/PONMALAI - EXTRA DIVISION**  
**E-Tender Notice No.CW/M&P/1656/CNC Surface Wheel Lathe-CAMC/2nd instance dt.03.09.2019**

Chief Workshop Manager, Central Workshop, Southern Railway, Ponmalai, Tiruchirappalli - 620 004 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following work as per Tender Notice given in our e-tender portal [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). The Tenderer(s) / Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for works in Golden Rock Workshop Extra Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) and only online tenders will be accepted. It is the responsibility of the Tenderer(s) / Contractor(s) to obtain digital signature certificates for participating in e-tendering.

Sl.No.	Name of the Work & Qty.
1.	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) for CNC Surface Wheel Lathe (BG) of H/T make available at Wheel Shop for a period of Five years at Central Workshops/Southern Railway/Ponmalai/Tiruchirappalli-620 004. Quantity: One.
2.	Estimated Value of the work (₹): 1,35,67,049/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Five Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand and Forty Nine only)
3.	Cost of Tender Document (₹) 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only)
4.	Amount of EMD (₹): 2,17,800/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventeen Thousand and Eight Hundred only)
5.	Period of Contract 5 Years (60 Months)
6.	Tender Closing Date and Time 09.10.2019 @ 15.00 hrs.

1. The cost of tender form and EMD can be deposited only through online gateway payment through multiple Bank's net banking. Offline mode of submission of EMD and cost of tender form will not be entertained. So there is no need to upload the scanned copy of financial instrument for cost of tender form and EMD.
2. All documents to support experience and finance status should be scanned and uploaded along with tender.
3. A complete detail of the above tender is given on the e-portal [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in).
4. For details of bid submission, please refer website portal [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in).
5. The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.

NB:-

1. The tender may be submitted on the website : [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in).
2. The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) for participating in the e-tender system.
3. No manual offers are acceptable.
4. No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening of tender.
5. Offer submitted by the tenderer must be kept valid for 45 days.
6. The Railway reserve the rights to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
7. Cost of tender document will not be refunded at any cost.
8. For more details, terms and conditions can be seen in the tender document.

Di.CME/Production/GOC  
For Chief Workshop Manager / Golden Rock

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# Zimbabwe strongman Mugabe dies

Until 2017, he was the only leader Zimbabweans had known since the country's independence in 1980

ALAN COWELL

Robert Mugabe, the first Prime Minister and later President of independent Zimbabwe, who traded the mantle of liberator for the armour of a tyrant and presided over the decline of one of Africa's most prosperous lands, died on Friday. He was 95.

The death was announced by his successor, President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

"It is with the utmost sadness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe's founding father and former President, Cde Robert Mugabe," he wrote on Twitter, using the abbreviation for comrade. "Mugabe was an icon of liberation, a pan-Africanist who dedicated his life to the emancipation and empowerment of his people. His contribution to the history of our nation and continent will never be forgotten."

In August, Mr. Mnangagwa had said that Mr. Mugabe had spent several months in Singapore getting treatment for an undisclosed illness.

Mr. Mugabe, the world's oldest head of state before his ouster in 2017, was the only leader Zimbabweans had known since independence, in 1980. Like many who liberated their countries, Mr. Mugabe believed that Zimbabwe was his to govern until the end. In a speech before the African Union in 2016, he said he would remain at the helm "until God says, 'Come.'"

Throughout, Mr. Mugabe remained inscrutable, some would say conflicted. Remote, calculating, ascetic and cerebral, a self-styled revolutionary inspired by what he called "Marxist-Leninism-Mao-Tse-tung thought," he affected a scholarly manner, bespectacled and haughty, a vestige of his early years as a schoolteacher. But his hunger for power was undiluted.

In November 2017, the Army, fearing that Mr. Mugabe would anoint his second wife, Grace Mugabe, as his political heir, moved against him and he was forced to step down. NY TIMES

## A tumultuous journey

Robert Mugabe, the former guerrilla hero who ruled Zimbabwe for 37 years, has died aged 95. First heralded as a liberator who rid the former British colony of Rhodesia of white minority rule, Mugabe used repression to govern until the military forced him out in November 2017.



**1980:** Rhodesia gains independence from Britain after armed struggle by rival militant factions ZANU and ZAPU. ZANU leader Robert Mugabe becomes PM

**1982-87:** Mugabe crushes revolt by ZAPU supporters. Around 20,000 killed

**1987:** ZANU and ZAPU merge as ZANU-PF. Mugabe re-elected in fraud-tainted vote, EU imposes sanctions

1,000%. Protests crushed

**2008:** Re-elected Mugabe forms unity govt. to rein in increasingly popular opposition MDC

**2013:** Mugabe is re-elected

**2014:** Mugabe makes wife Grace head of influential ZANU-PF Women's League and sacks Vice-President Joice Mujuru

**2016:** Protest in Harare. War veterans withdraw support to Mugabe

### The fall of Mugabe

**Nov. 6:** Vice-President Emmerson Mnangagwa is sacked, putting Grace Mugabe in line to succeed as President

**Nov. 15:** Mugabe placed under arrest

**Nov. 18:** Mass anti-Mugabe protests

**Nov. 21:** Mugabe resigns

**Nov. 24:** Mnangagwa is sworn in as President

# The conflicting legacy of Robert Mugabe

STANLEY JOHNY

Robert Gabriel Mugabe leaves behind a conflicting legacy. He was the leader of a prominent faction of guerillas during Zimbabwe's independence struggle. He fought the British colonialists, ended the country's Britain-backed white minority rule and became the first elected Prime Minister of Zimbabwe. But he also presided over the fall of the country's economy.

### Liberator

When Mr. Mugabe joined politics in early the 1960s, the National Democratic Party led by Joshua Nkomo was the main anti-colonial force in Southern Rhodesia, as Zimbabwe was then known.

Mr. Mugabe joined a radical faction within the NDP. Later, this faction split from the party and formed the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU). After organising anti-government rallies, the White government arrested him for sedition in 1964. After his release a decade later, Mr. Mugabe fled the country but never left the movement. From Mozambique, he led the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army, the military wing of ZANU, in the war for liberation.

Towards the late 1970s, as it was evident that the government could not win the war, it started implementing political reforms, including universal suffrage. In 1979, the British government, its

local allies and the guerillas signed the Lancaster House Agreement, bringing the war to an end. In the polls in 1980, Mr. Mugabe's ZANU won and he became the Prime Minister.

### Reformer

Mr. Mugabe initially rolled out welfare measures. He had also struck a conciliatory tone with the White minorities and discouraged them from fleeing the country. He launched land reform initiative aimed at addressing the question of inequality. Initially, the programme was based on a "willing seller and willing buyer" principle. But it was a failure as half of the country's land was controlled by white minority.

In 2000, militant supporters of the President and ruling party members started seizing farm lands forcefully. For Mr. Mugabe, it was a radical plan to redistribute the farm lands and address poverty and landlessness among the country's vast majorities. But the plan backfired. The violent land reforms stunted the country's agriculture productivity, leading to food shortages and inflation. From 1998 to 2008, the country's agricultural output slumped by more than 60%.

### Dictator

The system Mr. Mugabe built functioned around him. He first established himself as the unquestionable leader of

ZANU. He purged his potential rivals. In 1988, he changed the Constitution to create an executive presidency and became the country's first Executive President. Since then, he always got re-elected.

### The fall

He remained obsessively focused on amassing power in his own hands. In 2017, following mass protests, the military and the ZANU-PF ousted him. Vice-President Emmerson Mnangagwa assumed power. The military, which doesn't want to call it a coup, allowed him to live in Zimbabwe, and in official communications, he's still referred to as the father of the nation.

# A moment of reckoning for Indian Americans

Influential Hindutva voices in U.S. are moving closer to Trump

VARGHESE K. GEORGE

After Indian American engineer Srinivas Kuchibhotla was killed by a white nationalist in Kansas in February 2017, it took several weeks before the new President, Donald Trump, condemned it, only obliquely still, upsetting the community. Democrat Bernie Sanders instantly came out in support of the family and the community, and said the President's rhetoric on immigration led to the murder. As campaign for the 2020 presidential election picks up, a dominant section of the Indian Americans linked to Hindutva politics is gunning for Mr. Sanders and aligning with the nationalist politics of Mr. Trump, for their respective positions on Kashmir. This rapidly evolving realignment will polarise the community and could alter the basis of India-U.S. ties.

Indian Americans have largely been supporters of the Democratic Party, to which all five U.S. lawmakers of Indian origin belong. Democrats have been supportive of immigration and religious and cultural rights of the minorities. The simultaneous rise of nationalism in India and America, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Trump, had put the community in a paradoxical situation, as they were largely jubilant about Hindutva in India while being at the receiving end of nationalism in the U.S.

### The Kashmir factor

Kuchibhotla himself was an ardent fan of Mr. Modi's sweeping Hindutva politics as his wife related after this murder. Not only Mr. Sanders, but Democrats such as Congressman from Silicon Valley, Ro Khanna, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal and several other friends of



**New equations:** A file photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with U.S. President Donald Trump in Washington. »PTI

India and Indian Americans have denounced Hindutva politics in the wake of the prolonged lockdown of Jammu and Kashmir following the unilateral end to its autonomy. "India's behaviour is unacceptable," said Mr. Sanders.

"It's the duty of every American politician of Hindu faith to stand for pluralism, reject Hindutva, and speak for equal rights for Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhist and Christians," Mr. Khanna, grandson of a freedom fighter and a member of the first Parliament of India, said.

### Political realignment

Influential Hindutva voices in U.S. have turned against these Democrats, and accused them of harbouring pro-Pakistan sympathies and being in the spell of anti-India, Muslim advisers. Mr. Trump does not sweat over India's Kashmir policy. Kashmir has brought them closer to Mr. Trump. There are many ironies in this, but this might end one central paradox of Hindutva-leaning Indian American politics, which has been sympathetic to religious majoritarianism and cultural supremacism in India while demanding religious and cultural rights in their adopted land.

The dualism of Indian American politics has now become unsustainable as Democratic leaders find it in-

creasingly impossible to side with Mr. Modi as he advances the Hindutva agenda. Many of these friends of India had misread Mr. Modi's success in 2014 elections as a turn in Indian politics towards more neoliberal reforms and globalism. Such an image of Mr. Modi was also projected by Indian diplomacy in America. But one American thinker, who interpreted Mr. Modi's victory as a nativist revolt against a global elite, was none other than Stephen Bannon, the most authentic interpreter of Mr. Trump's nationalist politics.

Mr. Bannon has also been particularly a critic of the H-1B visa and Indian-American immigration. That the Indian Ambassador to the U.S. retweeted a tweet that denounced Mr. Sanders and tweeted about his meeting with Mr. Bannon in glowing terms, which was deleted later, bears out the official Indian position on the emerging fault-lines in American politics and the role of Indian Americans in it.

This realignment of Indian American politics will be accelerated with the forthcoming Howdy, Modi rally in Houston on September 22.

The occasion will call upon liberal Indian Americans and Democratic politicians to be unambiguous in their view of the Indian leader and his politics.

# U.K. Parliament passes Bill to stop Johnson's no-deal Brexit plan

It requires PM to seek 3-month extension to EU membership

REUTERS

LONDON

The British Parliament's upper chamber on Friday approved a Bill which aims to block a no-deal Brexit at the end of October by forcing Prime Minister Boris Johnson to seek a delay to Britain's European Union departure.

The legislation, which requires Johnson to ask for a three-month extension to Britain's EU membership if Parliament has not approved either a deal or consented to leaving without agreement by October 19, is



Boris Johnson

expected to be signed into law by Queen Elizabeth on Monday.

The House of Lords approved the Bill without a formal vote at its final stage.

Mr. Johnson has dubbed it

the "surrender bill" and said it has scuppered his Brexit negotiations with the EU by removing the threat of leaving without a deal. On Thursday, he said he would rather be "dead in a ditch" than delay Britain's EU exit.

He kicked 21 lawmakers out of his Conservative Party's parliamentary group earlier this week for working with opposition parties in the House of Commons to pass the legislation against the government's wishes.

Mr. Johnson is pushing for a national election on October 15.

# A subcontinental story at TIFF

Minhal Baig's woman-centred *Hala* brings diversity to festival in its 44th edition

NAMRATA JOSHI  
TORONTO

In a festival committed to diversity and gender parity, it is fitting indeed to open one's film viewing innings with a subcontinental story centred on a woman and made by a woman filmmaker.

Minhal Baig's coming of age film *Hala*, which played on the opening day of the 44th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), traverses the familiar zone of the diasporic experience — a teenager Hala (Geraldine Viswanathan) negotiating the clash of cultures, finding the right balance between

the immigrant home and the "westernised" world outside, of squaring up to her desires and sexual awakening while being cloistered and protected by Pakistani immigrant parents.

### Tables turn

Then there is another interesting arc of role reversal as the tables turn on the seemingly progressive father who encourages her to skateboard, read literature and solve crosswords, and a conservative mother who appears to be only bothered about *fajr* (prayer at dawn) and *hijaab* (scarf). It's the overprotective mother who

eventually becomes the empowering figure for her and, in turn, finds liberation for herself through her daughter.

Ms. Baig keeps things gentle, even when a terrible storm might be brewing in Hala's life. There is a sense of grace underlying the literary works Hala takes recourse to in mirroring her own dilemmas and internal struggles, specially Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House*.

There is a persistent contradictory pull in what she quotes and reads out, the words she chooses to express herself in or the pauses and silence between them.

The finale does get somewhat sloppy and slapdash but Ms. Baig is largely restrained and subtle.

### Fine collaboration

Chicago-based writer-director, Ms. Baig forms a fine collaboration with young Australian actor Ms. Viswanathan. Ms. Baig draws out a nuanced performance from Ms. Viswanathan, whose face is a wondrous canvas for fleeting emotions — curiosity, indifference, empathy, hurt, pain, rage, confusion. Her face is the film.

(The writer is in Toronto at the personal invitation of TIFF)

# Protests continue in Hong Kong

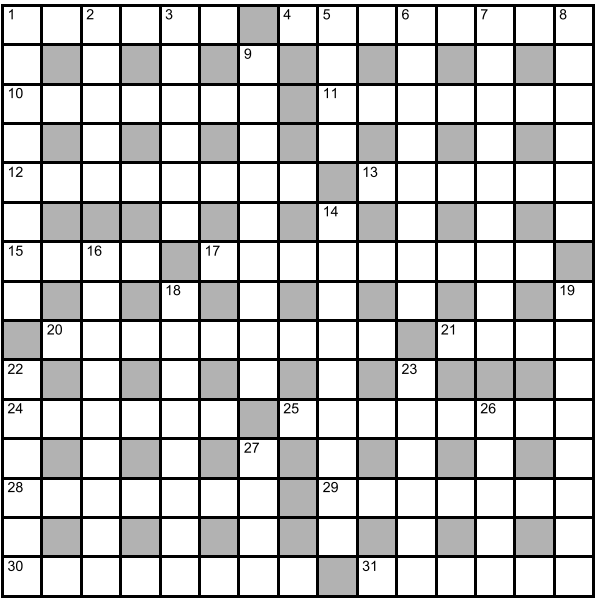
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HONG KONG

Thousands of protesters held rallies in Hong Kong on Friday, rejecting calls by the city's pro-Beijing leader Carrie Lam to end their movement as the finance hub braces for another weekend of clashes.

Police fired brief volleys of tear gas and rubber bullets against a few hundred protesters who had gathered outside a police station in Mongkok district.

On Wednesday, Ms. Lam announced she was scrapping an unpopular extradition law that sparked the protests.

## THE HINDU CROSSWORD 12724



### ■ ACROSS

- 1 Leader possesses notice retrieved for important person (6)
- 4 Owns joint with retired doctor in poverty (8)
- 10 After every unfinished attempt, boy's upset (7)
- 11 When broken, these may generate headlines — repeatedly, perhaps? (7)

- 12 Firm's resistance when overcoming leaderless, grim passage (8)
- 13 Accept a small amount before commencement of effort (6)
- 15 Borrowed, returned book in good condition (4)
- 17 Conceal potentially problematic situation in a western toilet? (5,4)
- 20 Channelizes anger caught inside of revolutionaries (9)
- 21 When nothing's good, Spinner stays away! (4)
- 24 Storm is a ship's pain (6)
- 25 Taking time off, rubbish guy became maestro (8)
- 28 Flower captivates girl with heart, giving up attention frivolously (7)
- 29 Losing head, yield with Spinner's touch (7)
- 30 Delivered uninterrupted broadcast on filtering out faulty input (8)
- 31 Some can eat lychees gracefully! (6)

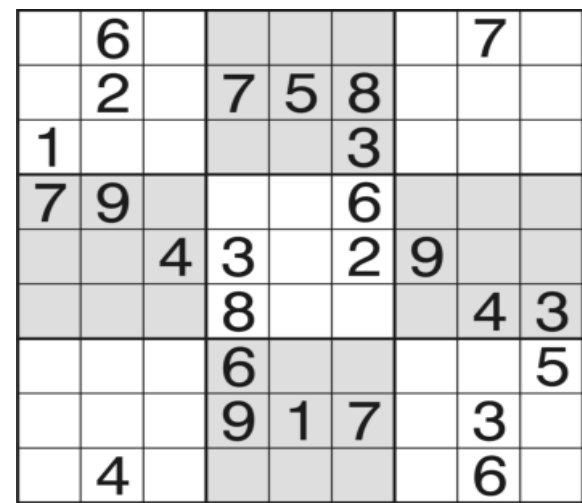
### ■ DOWN

- 1 Following rising current shortage, cut University's power (8)
- 2 Time lost by alarm's inaccuracy (5)

(set by Spinner)

- 3 Attractive person taking snap endlessly is a no-brainer? (6)
- 5 Slaughter just the second half to make some amount of space? (4)
- 6 Verdict surprisingly coincides with captain's removal (8)
- 7 Tough male fled, taking hint when interrupted by beginner (9)
- 8 Spinner is staying away from stand-offs for permits (6)
- 9 Revoked article with comrade confined (9)
- 14 Document describing southern city of old wiped off the map (9)
- 16 Reproduce or get HIV with second of carelessness! (9)
- 18 Man receives Home Secretary (8)
- 19 Let's cry about taking drug without anyone knowing (8)
- 22 Bigger part of most/all errors (6)
- 23 King amongst sheep running in field (6)
- 26 Sniffed extract from ore (5)
- 27 Try moving wheel centrally into rubber ring (4)

## SUDOKU



### Solution to puzzle 12723

A W S P H M S  
WEATHER FORECAST  
E I O O R L I A  
DEFAULT RAPIDLY  
A B A N D O N E D  
R W E G P O  
SAFFRON EVIDENT  
O U O N E  
N Y L O N B L U E J E A N S  
S T A R T L E T O R N A D O  
T C O M J I T B  
A T H O U S A N D A N D O N E  
G E T N V G M Y

### Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

7 5 4 3 2 9 1 6 8  
3 9 1 8 7 6 5 4 2  
8 2 6 1 5 4 9 3 7  
5 7 8 2 9 3 4 1 6  
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## FAITH

# Destroyer of sins

It is not only the sons of King Sagara who are indebted to Bhagiratha who relieves them of their sins by which they are able to attain heavenly regions when he brings the celestial Ganga to earth. The entire human race has benefited from this invaluable gift. The Ganga owes her greatness to the Lord from whose lotus feet she originates. She is thus endowed with the power to sanctify and give relief to the sorrows of worldly life. The waters can save people from the ocean of samsara by absolving them of past sins. But before she agrees to descend to earth in response to Bhagiratha's penance, she foresees some difficulties which she puts forth to him, pointed out Swami Paramasukananda in a discourse.

First of all, she fears that if the force of her rapid fall is not restricted, the waters would pierce the earth and go down to rasatala. She wonders if there's anyone at all who can restrict her flow. Bhagiratha humbly tells her that he would seek Siva through penance and request Him to check and control her flow. Siva accedes and holds the waters on His matted locks, but not before He curbs her pride.

The next question she raises is how she is to deal with the impurities, pollution and sin that people on earth will inflict on her when they use the waters. How is she to purify herself? Where could all this sin be deposited? Bhagiratha points out that she need not worry about this. There are many sadhus who are always steeped in Brahma Jnana, have renounced everything in life, and hence maintain equanimity and tranquility. When such realised souls come to the waters for ablutions, with only the thought of the Lord in their hearts, their very contact would automatically purify the river. For the Lord is the sole destroyer of all sins.









JAGMEETA THIND JOY

Milestones are as much about looking back as they are about gazing into the future. For Abu Jani-Sandeep Khosla, their 33-year journey underlines a 'maximalist vision' that runs almost parallel to the growth of the Indian fashion industry. From stocking at Harvey Nichols and the designer floor at Harrods in London in the 1980s to calling the shots at some of the biggest weddings in recent history — the Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas wedding, followed by Isha Ambani and Anand Piramal's at Antilla — the couturiers have been consistently making head-

# 'We were never inspired by the West'

Thirty-three years later, couturiers Abu Jani and Sandeep Khosla credit their continued success to their forever muse — India

dlines. "We consider ourselves truly blessed," says Sandeep Khosla who first partnered with Abu Jani in 1986. Their show at Sunteck Realty's Signature Island (home to both business tycoons and Bollywood stars) earlier this week, revisited three decades of style, with multiple design stories and a new chapter on menswear. It was only fitting that actor Deepika Padukone closed the show in a 'Circle of Life' *ghagra*, hand-embroidered with pearls,

Swarovski and *resham*, and paired with a crystal and pearl blouse. "I like to call it a bipolar collection. There was madness, colour, fun in one segment, followed by our classic whites, beiges, pastels with intensive embroideries," explains Khosla. The collection, which took them six months to put together, also paid homage to the beauty of monochrome and their fascination with white. As for 'Mard by Abu Sandeep', the new diffusion line for the modern man, inclusivity was key. "While we have designed wedding wear for men, this includes a range of silhouettes that are both modern and classic. I don't believe there's an age bar on clothes and this line is



**Keeping it real** (Clockwise from left) Abu Jani and Sandeep Khosla; from the 'Mard by Abu Sandeep' diffusion line; showstopper Deepika Padukone; the 48-kali kurta and a signature sherwani

who, like his partner, continues to look to Indian architecture, jewellery and artefacts as an influence. "Both Abu and I are in love with India," he says.

### Family album

The duo are patronised by some of the oldest Bollywood and Indian business families, often across generations. "We started designing for women who became mothers. Now we dress their daughters and their grand-daughters. They have kept us relevant. We have always thought young," says Khosla. Hand embroideries — especially chikankari, zardozi and aari work — are part of the brand's DNA, but they are wary of the 'classic' tag. "I think around 10 years ago, we began to be referred as a classic brand. We started enjoying that phase for a bit but not for long. We broke out of it and reinvented ourselves. To be able to always think ahead makes one relevant," he adds, mentioning a recent collaboration with Needle-dust, a premium jutti brand. Not to be left behind in the race for visibility on Instagram, they offered a retrospective of sorts recently, with rare footage, including photos of Shweta Bachchan Nanda's wedding. "Social media is a game changer today. But everyone is looking for instant gratification these days. We are too established for that," admits Khosla.

Three decades is a long time, how have they managed to keep it together creatively? "We have huge respect for each other. We don't agree with each other most of the time and even 33 years later it is the same. We challenge each other constantly and that's what has worked," admits Khosla.



### For the long haul

The duo's trademark is complex embroideries on pure fabrics, but if you are looking for signatures, Khosla lists:

- Any *chikankari* outfit
- The signature 48-kali *ghera* kurta with traditional embroideries
- An Abu Jani-Sandeep Khosla sherwani

### The journey this far

'Mard' is the latest in a line of updates from the duo that includes 'ASAL' and 'Gulabo', all key to being relevant in an overcrowded industry. "When we started, there was just Ritu Kumar as a brand. Delhi boasted of bridal wear stores like Ushnak Mal. There were some designers like James Ferreira, who were on top of the game at that time. And then, there was us. We were fortunate. Today, the number of Indian labels runs into thousands," says Khosla. The success of their first collection — Mata Hari — brought in customers who continue to patronise the brand even today. "We were very fortunate. Whether it was Dimple (Kapadia) or Jaya Bachchan, they all met us at that time. Everyone we have

met in our lives has been because of the clothes we make. Our clothes are our identity," says Khosla.

Which is possibly why their design ethos remains the same. "The skills of *karigars* and crafts that existed in the past are still there in India. It's about interpreting and reimagining things and making it slightly more modern; giving it a twist. We were never inspired by the West," explains the designer



# 'We are all mad here'

A two-day festival centred around mental-health is hoping to take back the word 'mad', and align the cause with disability rights

VANGMAYI PARAKALA

In 2018, September in Delhi opened with a two-day mental health festival called Merchants of Madness. Bhor Foundation, a mental-health non-profit start-up, had organised it in collaboration with Red Door, a creative platform that addresses mental health issues. Now, one year later, Bhor is going solo with a similar festival of mental health, this time called Project Reclamation.

On all their posters, the event is being called "a two day celebration of madness, neurodiversity, and human rights", while Jhilmil Breckenridge, founding trustee at Bhor, says that the festival is "very much a 'mad pride' (à la gay pride) of sorts." Their embracing of the word 'mad' is in line with the event's name, says Breckenridge, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of

Central Lancashire. Incidentally, her 2018 debut book of poetry (introduced by poet-stalwart Keki Daruwala), is called *Reclamation Song*. Her co-founder, Namarita Kathait is organising the fest with her.

Over the course of the two days, the festival will have elements of theatre, poetry, dance, as well as workshops and panels, which will foster a conversation on the various angularities in understanding, living with, and being aware of mental health issues.

One of the panels this year, titled 'Can we use sexuality to reclaim disabled and marginalised bodies and minds' is paving the way for Bhor's vision of aligning their work in mental-health advocacy with the conversation around disability rights and awareness. The panellists include Shambhavi Saxena, who will talk about her experience as an asexual person; Chintan Girish Modi, a queer-rights activist; and Manavi Khurana, a counselor-psychologist.

"In such conferences and

festivals, we tend to mostly have experts, like psychologists or researchers, coming in and speaking. But we were keen to have people with lived-experiences on our panels," says Breckenridge.

In keeping with this, a panel on Sunday, titled 'Whose voices are important and who gets to talk about their experiences', will have architect Zain Khan who is also bipolar; writer and founding editor of the literary journal *Antiserious*, Manjiri Indurkar who is working on a memoir of living with depression, in conversation with Shelia Sen, co-founder of Children First, a Delhi-based child and adolescent mental-health service.

Sen's book, which was published in 2018 by Westland, also uses the word 'reclaim' in its title (*Reclaim Your Life*), with Khan as part of the launch.



Jhilmil Breckenridge, of Bhor Foundation ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Since the sessions and workshops might get intense, there is a 'breakout room' at the sidelines of Project Reclamation, where Bhor has organised dance and yoga therapy sessions, in addition to screening their 2-4-minute 'Project Joy' films on topics like bipolar disorder and depression, on loop. Quoting her

learnings from the book *The Body Keeps The Score: Brain, Mind, and Body, In the Healing of Trauma* by Dutch psychiatrist Bessel Van Der Kolk, Breckenridge says that physical healing is a very important part of treating mental trauma.

At Hotel Regent Grand, East Patel Nagar. Tickets on Insider.in

### PEOPLE

## Dine with Nigella

Celebrated chef Nigella Lawson comes to India this month as part of The World Series presented by American Express. The second edition of the event will see her hosting a London-themed culinary experience featuring her signature menu. Dishes will be paired with New Zealand-based Brancott Estate's wines, such as the Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir in Mumbai, and Jacob's Creek Classic and Sparkling in New Delhi.

Ticketed dinners are on two days: September 14 at The Chambers at The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai, and on September 15 at The Roseate, New Delhi. For details. 9873733770



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### 5 EVENTS WORTH YOUR WHILE



#### AWARENESS

##### Rally

To mark World Spinal Cord Injury Day, annually observed on September 5, the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre is hosting a wheelchair rally and nukkad natak this Sunday, featuring spinal cord injury survivors. The event will witness the participation of about 200 wheelchair users, to bring awareness to the cause.

**VENUE:** India Gate  
**TIME:** 4 p.m. onwards



#### PERFORMANCE

##### Vocal and sitar

IIC is hosting The Bloom Festival, an annual event to promote Hindustani music with young talent. It will feature vocal recitals by Vilina Patra from Pune, Nirali Kartik from Mumbai and a sitar recital by Dhruv Bedi from Delhi. The accompanists are: Sapan Anjaria on the tabla and Paromita Mukherjee on the harmonium.

**VENUE:** Multipurpose Hall, IIC  
**TIME:** 6 p.m.



#### FASHION

##### Shopping

The Wedding Syrup is back with its 9th edition. This one-day shopping event aims to bring together many fashion, jewellery, lifestyle, creative and boutique brands under one roof. The collection on sale includes clothes, shoes, handbags, accessories, cosmetics, children's wear, home decor, and nature-based products.

**VENUE:** Hotel Taj City Centre, Gurugram  
**TIME:** 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.



#### MUSIC

##### Vocal recital

Amrit Mahotsav, a festival of music to celebrate the life, and honour the contribution of Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee, Sangeetacharya Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas of the Gwalior Gharana will be held on Sunday. This event will have a Hindustani vocal recital by Pandit Vyas and screening of a short film about his musical journey.

**VENUE:** Triveni Kala Sangam, 205 Tansen Marg  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m. onwards



#### FOOD

##### Onam special

To celebrate Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala, a special vegetarian meal on a leaf, the Sadhya, will be served at Savya Rasa. This unlimited feast on until September 13, will be served on banana leaves with rice and an array of 30 food items along with curries, papadam, yogurt, plantain chips and pickles.

**VENUE:** Ardee Mall, Sector 52, Gurugram  
**TIME:** 12 noon - 3:30 p.m.



FILM REVIEWS

A clowning glory

*It Chapter 2* is flawed, but still lives up to its predecessor with plenty of scares and humour

DEBORAH CORNELIOUS

The last time we saw *It*, the extra-terrestrial monster was wounded by the Losers and forced back into the sewers of Derry to recuperate. Now 27 years later, the creature has emerged to feed on children again. Based on Stephen King's lengthy horror novel of the same name, the sequel to the 2017 film is set almost three decades after the then group of teenagers speared a dent in It's scary armour. Mike (Isaiah Mustafa), the only one to stay back in his hometown calls the rest of the club to fulfil the oath they made many years ago: to return and defeat It.

The focus on *Chapter 1* was entirely on fear, its manifestations and the meta-

phor of personal horrors being far worse than any allegorical entities. *It Chapter 2* is about overcoming those demons: supernatural ones as well as those hiding deep inside just waiting to surface. Abusive spouses, Oedipus complexes, damning secrets and tormenting regrets don't hold a candle to It's pursuit for flesh, blood and revenge. In near-perfect continuation, director Andy Muschietti crafts a sequel that seamlessly follows up *Chapter 1*. As if the actors themselves have grown from their ordeal 27 years ago. The casting is itself a highlight of the film; with performers who could actually be the teenagers' future selves and this uncanny resem-

It Chapter 2

**DIRECTOR:** Andy Muschietti  
**CAST:** James McAvoy, Jessica Chastain, Bill Hader, Isaiah Mustafa, Jay Ryan, James Ransone, Andy Bean, Bill Skarsgård  
**STORYLINE:** When It resurfaces 27 years later, the Losers must return to Derry to defeat the child-killing monster

blance lasts longer than it ideally should.

In pushing a flavour of King's own big screen adaptation of *Stand By Me* and that '80s-loving patina of *Stranger Things*, this sequel brilliantly drudges up fictional nostalgia. As the film oscillates between blissful sum-



**Worthy sequel** The casting itself is a highlight of Muschietti's film •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

mer friendships and frightening It encounters, even the uninitiated will understand and enjoy *Chapter 2*. The film's brand of horror, more on the nose than cerebral, jolts till the end. Bill Skarsgård as It is creepy as ever, completely embodying the menacing chills of a supernatural bloodthirsty clown. There are fortune cookies cracking open to reveal mini monsters – including a bloody eyeball dragging behind a train of nerve cables; zombies eerily similar

to Gollum from *Lord of the Rings*; a shark-toothed giant Paul Bunyan statue out for murder; goo and gunk galore; blood spurts; and so much more. Like its predecessor, the sequel also reveals in humour most incongruent to its context. As a character strangles his zombie attacker, black slush projectile gushes accompanied by the Juice Newton number 'Angel of the Morning'. But it's mortormouth Richie (Bill Hader) and Eddie's (James Ransone) near-constant banter that en-

liven *Chapter 2*.

Where Muschietti's effort does fall short, is in the length of the film. Stretched too long, he indulges himself plenty when it comes to each character's personal exposition of an It encounter. Initially, the director's tango with gore is deliciously delightful. After a point though, the scares become predictable, especially when we're treated to both youngster and adult version of It meetings. A little into the second half of the film, it feels as if Muschietti remembered his time restrictions and clambers to squeeze in as much as possible. The oscillation of pace ends up slightly distracting from the viewing experience. The more outlandish concepts of King's book don't translate well on screen, case in point: a tribal ritual to kill the monster.

Yet in spite of its faults, *Chapter 2* is a more-than-worthy follow-up to its predecessor. These Losers had nothing to lose, but ended up winning anyway.

Diana Chan's guide to Malaysian cuisine

The winner of Masterchef Australia's ninth season, currently on a four-city tour of India, tells us what makes her native cuisine so special

DHARA VORA SABHNANI

Fans of *Masterchef Australia* will still remember the nail-biting one-point win of Diana Chan in the 2017 finale of season nine. Chan who has since gained a following in India too, has also designed the food menu of Wine Villa, a vino-on-tap restaurant in Juhu, Mumbai.

The Malaysian-born chef is now on a four-city tour of India, to conduct a masterclass and a dining experience in Mumbai, Hyderabad, Gurugram, and Bengaluru. This includes a four-course meal paired with wine from Pernod Ricard.

When we ask her what defines Malaysian cuisine, Chan says the key element is flavour (a balance of sweet, salty, and sour) and the integration of different cultures. "Malaysians are very spoilt when it comes to the variety of food available. It is influenced by predominantly Malay, Indian and Chinese cuisine," she says, adding that "Malaysia is in a strategic location and

during the early days it was used as a port to transport spices and was part of the silk route."

The Indian influence is probably most strongly experienced at breakfast places, as *rotis, dosas, parathas* and *idlis* are easily available. But if you go to a Chinese coffee shop, you will get half-boiled eggs with *kaya* toast (topping of sugar, coconut milk and eggs, *pandan*, and butter) and local coffee as well as lots of different styles of noodles (wet or dry).

Chan lists spices, herbs and aromats is the core ingredients. *Belacan* (shrimp paste) is liberally used in Malay and Peranakan (the cuisine of a regional ethnic group) dishes. Freshly chopped chillies in soy sauce are a common condiment served with Malaysian-Chinese food, whereas coconut water and milk are used in Indian dishes.

"I am not so much of a fan of Malaysian/Asian desserts in general. They tend to be too sweet for my liking," she says.

As for contemporary Malaysian food, Chan says she's witnessing a trend in several Australian restaurants, which have adopted Asian flavours (that include Malaysian dishes) and paired these with Western techniques.



Chef Diana Chan will be at The Wine Company, DLF Cyber Hub, Gurugram, on September 7 for Jacob's Creek and Gold Rush's World On A Plate food festival. Tickets on Insider.in for ₹3,500

**Malaysian gourmet**  
Chef Diana Chan  
•SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Noble thoughts, trite humour

An attempt to normalise failure is lost in anachronistic gags and a disjointed narrative

KENNITH ROSARIO

It's no secret that Bollywood loves to romanticise college years. Those days of youthful complacency, crude jokes about sex and masturbation, first love, cultural or sports competition that means the world to you, barely attending lectures and confiding in alcoholism. They are often projected as the best years of one's lives, eulogised in slow-motion montages of laughter, hugging and pranks. Nitesh Tiwari's *Chhichhore* has Arijit Singh's 'Woh Din', where the filmmaker uses the same style to evoke nostalgia and capture the 'good old days'. From Karan Johar's campus sagas (*Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* and *Student of the Year* franchise) to Raj-kumar Hirani's *3 Idiots*, contemporary Hindi films have also looked at college days



**Same old, same old** The film falls back on exploiting over-used stereotypes •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

in hindsight, when one has aged (not necessarily matured) and settled into their professional and family lives. Tiwari's film explores a similar time, where the characters look into the past to find comfort in the present.

In *Chhichhore*, the central characters Annirudh (Sushant Singh Rajput) and Maya (Shraddha Kapoor) are compelled to relive their

college days when their son attempts to end his life after failing an entrance exam. The stories of the past are meant to evoke nostalgia and establish the importance of failure. It's all well-intentioned and imperative in the competitive times (complete with a sagging job market and doddering economy) we live in. But the film works with all possible clichés and stereotypes that have been explored and exploited aplenty

Chhichhore

**DIRECTOR:** Nitesh Tiwari  
**CAST:** Sushant Singh Rajput, Shraddha Kapoor, Varun Sharma, Prateik Babbar, Tahir Raj Bhasin, Naveen Polishetty, Tushar Pandey, Nalneesh Neel  
**STORYLINE:** Annirudha and Maya reconnect with their college mates when their son attempts to end his life

already. The classic engineering college humour, which revolves around masturbation, porn magazines, ragging and testosterone-filled jibes like "behen se jeeta tha ya haarta tha (were you defeated by your sister?)" are stale and ineffective, more so when interspersed with melodrama.

It's a commendable idea to contradict the present (where the characters are

surrounding a dying child in an ICU) with the past (where the same characters are obsessed with a college championship), to establish failure as a capitalist and industrialised concept. What may seem the most important to you in the moment, the film insists, is actually inconsequential in the long run. An antithesis of Tiwari's previous outing, *Dangal*, which hailed victory, *Chhichhore* normalises failure, by deceptively using the traditional build-up of underdogs-who-win narrative. The thoughts are noble and humour is an apt carrier to communicate it. But *Chhichhore*'s humour (besides being anachronistic and stale) is unable to salvage a long-winding narrative that cramps in morals, melodrama and 'observational' humour. Besides Kapoor, the film has no women of consequence, which is justified as a reality in engineering college hostels. Fair enough. But the lack of women also reflects the brand of (teenage boy) humour one can expect. There are a few one-line descriptions (mostly delivered

by Varun Sharma), which evoke laughter but the gags are clumsily executed. The 'punch' (even in physical comedy) is either too late, predictable or hackneyed. To make it worse, the flashbacks take place at awkward moments, switching rapidly between light-heartedness and melodrama.

This back-and-forth narrative rests heavily on change of costume, facial appearance and body language. It's amusing to see what age does to some characters (like a timid nerd acquires an American accent). Actors like Tahir Raj Bhasin, Naveen Polishetty, Tushar Pandey and Saharsh Kumar Shukla are on point as various peculiar personalities. But the characters in themselves rarely deviate from stereotypes. So *Chhichhore* can either be enjoyed as a regurgitation of jokes, stories and characters (much like how we repeat our college stories for the hundredth time at a party) or demand to be surprised, even in the realm of nostalgia. I vote for the latter.

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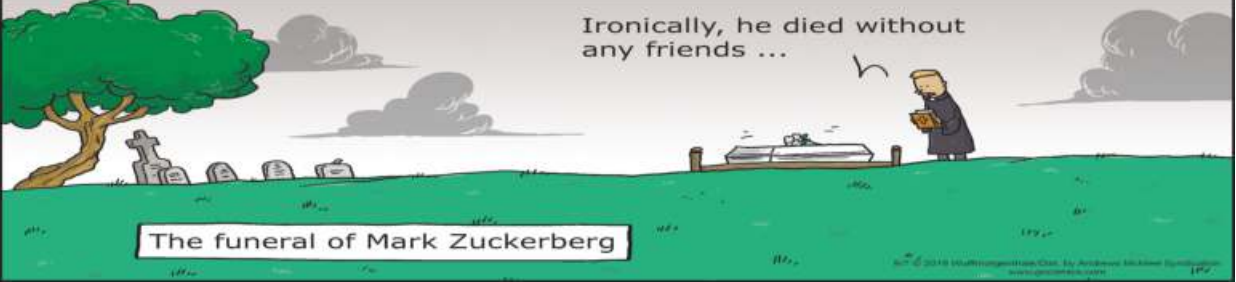
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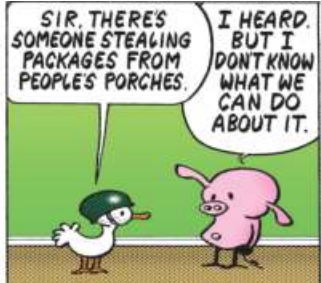
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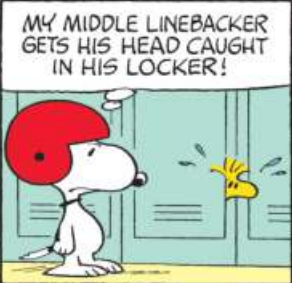
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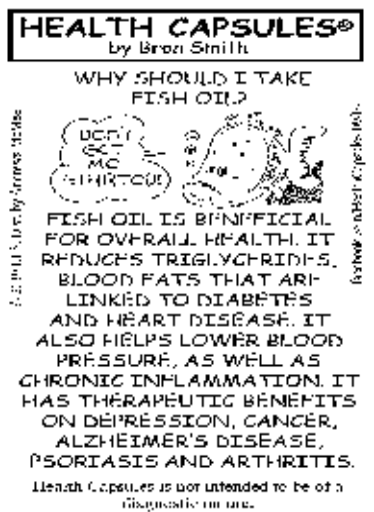
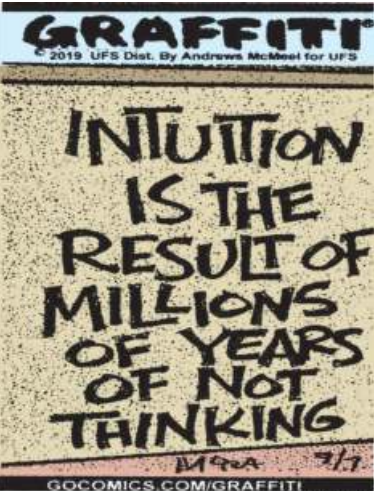
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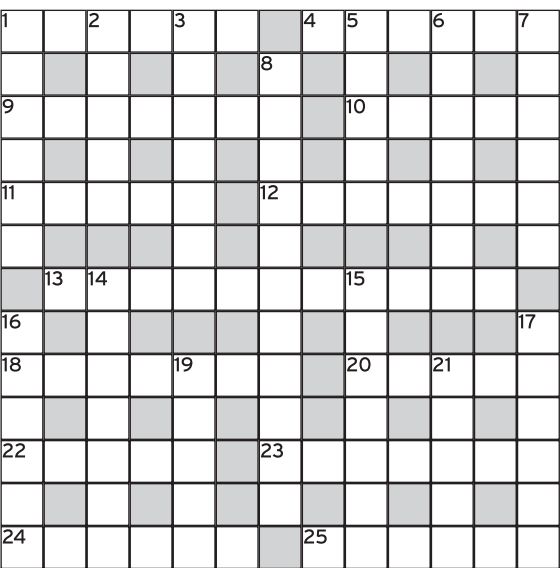
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CALVIN AND HOBBS



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  - 12 Swamp (7)
  - 13 Trans-Siberian Railway terminus (11)
  - 18 Hissy fit (7)
  - 20 Spokes (5)
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THE  
SRIHARI  
NATARAJ  
FILE

**Born:** January 16, 2001  
**Height:** 6'3"  
**Coach:** A.C. Jayarajan (at Bangalore Swim Research Centre)  
**Trainer:** Deckline Leitao

**Personal bests**  
(all at the World Junior Championships)  
**50m backstroke:** 25.50s (National Record)  
**100m backstroke:** 54.69s (National Record)  
**200m backstroke:** 2:01.70s (National Record)

BUOYANT IN choppy waters

Being a competitive swimmer in India isn't easy — it's expensive and there isn't a history of success — but 18-year-old Srihari Nataraj's belief is unsinkable

STAN RAYAN

When Srihari Nataraj was a little boy, his mother, Kalyani, was keen that he try out every sport.

A volleyball player from Pudukottai, near Thanjavur, she represented Tamil Nadu in the junior Nationals. Her cousins, including former international Sivaranjani, were talented swimmers. Even the family she married into was packed with sportspersons: her husband, Nataraj Venkataramanan, was a Bangalore University cricketer and his brothers, Anantharaman and Srinivasan, played in the Ranji Trophy.

Srihari was a good cricketer, as well, at school. "I used to bowl fast and leg-spin. I used to play basketball, tennis and football, too," says the 18-year-old.

But it was swimming that Srihari savoured the most. The love for the blue waters virtually began in his mother's arms while watching his elder brother, Balaji, swim. Balaji had bronchial issues and a doctor suggested swimming. Srihari, just

two and half then, wanted to have fun in the pool as well.

A.C. Jayarajan, the coach, was only too happy to take the little fellow in. A few years later, observing Srihari's dedication and his increasing height, Jayarajan felt he had a special talent on his hands. Soon, the youngster began winning medals in age-group events in Karnataka and at the national level.

But his parents were not sure whether swimming would be a long-term affair for Srihari. Many of his friends moved to famed coach Nihar Ameen's academy, and since he felt lonely, his parents sent him there. But about a year later, with some of his friends dropping out, Srihari was unhappy; he often looked stressed out.

"We felt he could not withstand the pressure of competition," says Kalyani. "So, I stopped him swimming for three months — he was 13 then — to make him focus on academics. Even a doctor advised that. But there was an immediate change in Srihari." The teenager, in the eighth standard then, went

into his shell.

"One day, Archana Viswanath, the principal at Jain School, called me and said, 'Madam, if you want your son to be proper, just send him back to swimming and don't expect anything from the sport. Only then can he focus on academics. Otherwise it will hurt him mentally,'" reveals his mother.

**Turning point**

So back they went to Jayarajan and told him that they just wanted their son to be happy. The country should be thankful for that, for Srihari now promises to become one of its finest swimmers ever. At the Nationals, which concluded this week in Bhopal, he won the 'best swimmer' award after claiming eight gold medals (four individual, four in relays).

Breaking records has become a habit for the Bengaluru boy. At the recent World Junior Championships in Budapest, Srihari broke his own senior Indian records in all three backstroke events, entering the final in the 50m and 100m and finishing sixth and seventh respectively.

This, after having set two of those records at the senior Worlds in Gwangju, South Korea, the previous month.

Despite finishing sixth, Srihari feels he could have won the 50m backstroke bronze at the junior Worlds, a medal he missed by 0.15s. "I wanted that medal, I was ready to do anything for that. Mentally, I was ready to push myself more than I had ever done before," he says.

"I knew I had to be anything below 25.20 for a medal, I was aiming for something like 24.90," says Srihari, who clocked 25.50s, a new National Record.

Jayarajan, who was at Budapest, feels that the start let Srihari down. "He didn't get

a good start, it was better in the 100m. That's why he lost the medal by such a close margin," says Jayarajan. "It would have been the country's first medal and would have changed Indian swimming ... the sort of change that Saina Nehwal brought to badminton. Youngsters would have started believing that they can do it too."

But to put things in perspective, it must be recognised that Indian swimming faces a huge struggle to stay afloat even at the Asian and Commonwealth levels. Consider Srihari's opponents. China's Xu Jiayu is the 100m backstroke world champion and South African Zane Wadell won the 50m backstroke

title at Gwangju. Add the Japanese, Chinese, Australian and British competitors to the mix and you get a sense of how tough the life of an Indian swimmer is. Even a bronze at the Asiad is rare.

Moreover, with very little support from the government, swimming is incredibly expensive. "We have spent around Rs. 8 lakh in the last couple of months for the two World Championships, the Nationals and his costumes," says Kalyani. "It was good last year, he was in the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme and all his expenses were taken care of for eight months till the Asian Games. But this year we have been getting only Rs 10,000 per month under the Khelo India scheme."

The heavy bills and India's poor history in the sport can pull anybody down. But surprisingly, Srihari is highly buoyant. "I can't sink, I can never drown. Even if I let go of my breath and try to sit in the water, I will float back up," he says.

Blessed with this special quality, he is keen to break boundaries and stretch his body's limits. He has made Tokyo's 'B' cut in the 100m and 200m, the two backstroke events that figure in the Olympics, and is confident of achieving the 'A' standard, too.

Qualifying for Tokyo is his immediate goal. He is 0.84s away in the 100m ('A' standard: 53.85s; Srihari's personal best: 54.69s) and a little more than four seconds

off the pace in the 200m ('A' standard 1:57.50s; PB 2:01.70s). But he feels both are achievable. The Asian Age-Group Championships, in Bengaluru from September 24, will offer him another chance to attempt them.

Medals in the Asian Games, the Commonwealth Games and the 2024 Paris Olympics are among his long-term goals. "But I take it one step at a time," Srihari says. "I'm pretty sure I can drop to 52 seconds in the 100m by the 2022 Asiad."

What makes him tick? "A lot of coaches have said I've got a very good 'catch'. The water hardly slips on my pull, I need to work a lot on my kick but my pull has always been very good."

The 'catch' is that phase of the arm-stroke where the swimmer begins to apply propulsive force — "basically the amount of power you put to push through," says Srihari. "There are many swimmers who are stronger than me but what matters is how you use it in water. I think I use the power I have very well in water."

"I try to be as smooth as I can, that's like the most important thing for me. It doesn't matter if I don't push through the water. For me, the smoother I try to be, the faster I am," says Srihari, who has improved his personal best by about one second in the 50m and more than two seconds in the 100m. Srihari still has mountains to move, but he is ready for the challenge.

PHOTOS: SUDHAKARA JAIN & A.M. FARUQUI

**2018 Asian Games** (Jakarta-Palembang)  
**50m backstroke:** 26.19s (then National Record), 10th overall  
**100m backstroke:** 55.86s (then National Record, heats), 7th in final  
**200m backstroke:** 2:02.83s (then National Record), 6th in final



WORD PLAY  
Gridiron

- **What is it?** It's another name for American football — the North American sport played by two teams, wearing hard plastic helmets and shoulder pads, on a rectangular field with goalposts at each end. The sport evolved from English rugby and association football.
- **How did the term originate?** The term was coined in the early 20th century because the sport's playing field, marked in a checkerboard pattern back then, resembled a cooking gridiron, a grate used for broiling food. This name was used to distinguish it from rugby and football.



- **Who coined the term?** This is unclear. But American sportswriter Claude H. Miller helped popularise it. In the 1911 edition of *Outdoor Sports and Games*, he wrote, "The lines on a football field make a checkerboard effect and have given to the field the name of 'gridiron'."
- **Not to be confused with** The science fiction novel, written by British author Philip Kerr, in which a technologically advanced, 'smart' building, nicknamed 'The Gridiron', tries to kill everyone inside. The sport is only marginally less bizarre, so confusion is warranted.

ON THE BOX STACKING UP



■ **Pro Kabaddi League:**  
**SAT:** Bengal v Gujarat, 7.15 P.M.; Delhi v Haryana, 8.30 P.M.; **STAR SPORTS 1, 2 & HD.** **SUN:** Delhi v Chennai, 7.15 P.M.; Bengal v Pune, 8.30 P.M.; **STAR SPORTS 1, 2 & HD.**

■ **Italian Grand Prix:**  
**SAT:** Qualifying, 6.20 P.M.; **STAR SPORTS SELECT 2 & HD.** **SUN:** Main race, 6.30 P.M.; **STAR SPORTS SELECT 2 & HD.**

■ **US Open:** **SAT:** 9.30 P.M.; **STAR SPORTS SELECT 1 & HD.** **SUN:** 10.30 P.M.; **STAR SPORTS SELECT 1 & HD.**

■ **Chinese Taipei Open badminton:** **SAT & SUN:** 9.30 A.M.; **STAR SPORTS 1 & HD.**

■ **Euro 2020 qualifiers:**  
**SAT:** Kosovo v Czech Republic, 6.30 P.M.; England v Bulgaria, 9.30 P.M.; **SONY TEN 2 & HD.** **SUN:** France v Albania, 12.15 A.M.; **SONY TEN 1 & HD.** Armenia v Bosnia & Herzegovina, 6.30 P.M.; Switzerland v Gibraltar, 9.30 P.M.; **SONY TEN 2 & HD.** Serbia v Portugal, 12.15 A.M.; **SONY ESPN & HD.**



**ICC Test Rankings**

#	TEAM	M	PTS	RATE
1	India	32	3,631	113
2	New Zealand	26	2,829	109
3	South Africa	27	2,917	108
4	England	36	3,778	105
5	Australia	27	2,640	98
6	Sri Lanka	40	3,795	95
7	Pakistan	27	2,263	84
8	West Indies	29	2,381	82
9	Bangladesh	22	1,438	65
10	Afghanistan	2	50	25

**ODI Rankings**

#	TEAM	M	PTS	RATE
1	England	54	6,745	125
2	India	58	7,071	122
3	New Zealand	43	4,837	112
4	Australia	50	5,543	111
5	South Africa	47	5,193	110
6	Pakistan	49	4,756	97
7	Bangladesh	46	3,963	86
8	Sri Lanka	54	4,425	82
9	West Indies	49	3,740	76
10	Afghanistan	40	2,359	59

**T20I Rankings**

#	TEAM	M	PTS	RATE
1	Pakistan	26	7,365	283
2	England	16	4,253	266
3	South Africa	16	4,196	262
4	India	31	8,099	261
5	Australia	21	5,471	261
6	New Zealand	17	4,333	255
7	Afghanistan	16	3,849	241
8	Sri Lanka	19	4,297	226
9	West Indies	24	5,378	224
10	Bangladesh	16	3,525	220



**Men's Top Five**

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Kento Momota	24	108,318	17
2	Chou Tien Chen	29	86,098	20
3	Shi Yuqi	23	83,301	14
4	Anders Antonsen	22	72,949	16
5	Chen Long	30	72,830	17

**Top Indians ▶**

K. Srikanth	Rank 10
B. Sai Praneeth	Rank 15

**India's next best ▶**

**Women's Top Five**

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Akane Yamaguchi	22	93,930	19
2	Chen Yu Fei	21	92,765	17
3	Nozomi Okuhara	24	92,136	19
4	Tai Tzu Ying	25	89,845	14
5	P.V. Sindhu	24	80,884	17

**Saina Nehwal**  
Rank 8

**Mugdha Agrey**  
Rank 65



**F1 Standings**

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS
1	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	268
2	Valtteri Bottas	Mercedes	203
3	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	181
4	Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	169
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	157
6	Pierre Gasly	Toro Rosso	65
7	Carlos Sainz	McLaren	58
8	Daniil Kvvyat	Toro Rosso	33
9	Kimi Raikkonen	Alfa Romeo	31
10	Alexander Albon	Red Bull	26
11	Lando Norris	McLaren	24
12	Daniel Ricciardo	Renault	22
13	Sergio Perez	Racing Point	21
14	Nico Hulkenberg	Renault	21
15	Lance Stroll	Racing Point	19
16	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	18
17	Romain Grosjean	Haas	8
18	Antonio Giovinazzi	Alfa Romeo	1
19	Robert Kubica	Williams	1
20	George Russell	Williams	0



**Top Indians ▶**

**Men's Top Five**

#	PLAYER	EVENTS	POINTS	AVG. PTS.
1	Jin-Young Ko	44	548.17	10.15
2	Rory McIlroy	48	470.99	9.81
3	Dustin Johnson	46	412.48	8.97
4	Justin Rose	48	372.25	7.76
5	Justin Thomas	48	351.29	7.32

**Women's Top Five**

#	PLAYER	EVENTS	POINTS	AVG. PTS.
1	Jin-Young Ko	54	548.17	10.15
2	Sung Hyun Park	50	411.89	8.24
3	Lexi Thompson	42	268.03	6.38
4	Jeongeun Lee	53	326.01	6.15
5	Brooke Henderson	56	341.31	6.09

**Top Indians ▶**

Gaganjeet Bhullar	Rank 223
Shubhankar Sharma	Rank 259

**Women's Top Five**

#	PLAYER	EVENTS	POINTS	AVG. PTS.
1	Jin-Young Ko	54	548.17	10.15
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**Top Indians ▶**

Aditi Ashok	Rank 138
Diksha Dagar	Rank 366



**Top Indians**

**ATP**

Prajnesh Gunneswaran	Rank 88
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**WTA**

Ankita Raina	Rank 194
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**ATP Rankings**

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Novak Djokovic	32	11,685	16
2	Rafael Nadal	33	7,945	16
3	Roger Federer	38	6,950	17
4	Dominic Thiem	25	4,925	23
5	Daniil Medvedev	23	4,125	25
6	Alexander Zverev	22	4,005	24
7	Kei Nishikori	29	4,005	21
8	Stefanos Tsitsipas	21	3,455	28
9	Karen Khachanov	23	2,890	26
10	Roberto Bautista Agut	31	2,575	23
11	Fabio Fognini	32	2,510	25
12	Borna Coric	22	2,160	22
13	Gael Monfils	32	2,140	21
14	John Isner	34	2,075	20
15	David Goffin	28	2,055	25
16	Juan Martin del Potro	30	2,050	13
17	Kevin Anderson	33	2,050	15
18	Nikoloz Basilashvili	27	1,985	26
19	Felix Auger-Aliassime	19	1,750	26
20	Guido Pella	29	1,735	27

**WTA Rankings**

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Naomi Osaka	21	6,606	17
2	Ashleigh Barty	23	6,501	16
3	Karolina Pliskova	27	6,315	21
4	Simona Halep	27	4,743	17
5	Elina Svitolina	24	4,492	20
6	Petra Kvitova	29	4,386	17
7	Kiki Bertens	27	4,325	26
8	Serena Williams	37	3,935	11
9	Madison Keys	24	3,267	15
10	Sloane Stephens	26	3,189	21
11	Anastasija Sevastova	29	3,167	24
12	Belinda Bencic	22	2,968	26
13	Aryna Sabalenka	21	2,955	25
14	Angelique Kerber	31	2,870	20
15	Bianca Andreescu	19	2,837	16
16	Johanna Konta	28	2,695	20
17	Marketa Vondrousova	20	2,650	11
18	Qiang Wang	27	2,646	22
19	Caroline Wozniacki	29	2,537	18
20	Sofia Kenin	20	2,460	23







# Another chance for Serena to get the elusive 24th

Teenager Bianca Andreescu makes her maiden Slam final with a straight-set win over Bencic

## US OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
NEW YORK

Serena Williams will face Canadian teenager Bianca Andreescu for the US Open title as the American set herself up for another attempt to clinch a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam singles title. Serena, who turns 38 this month, cruised into a 10th US Open final on Thursday by brushing aside fifth seed Elina Svitolina 6-3, 6-1, earning her 101st win at the tournament to draw level with Chris Evert for the most in history. Serena is seeking to match Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 Major titles and will play 19-year-old Andreescu, who defeated Belinda Bencic 7-6(3), 7-5, on Saturday in her bid for a record seventh US Open triumph.

**Crazy feeling** "To be in yet another final, it seems honestly crazy. But I don't really expect too much less," said Serena, who is through to her 33rd Major final.

"I've had so many chances to pass it (Court's record) and to have a lot more, but it's cool because I'm playing in an era with so many – five eras with so many amazing players."

She won her first Grand



## The clash of generations

Serena Williams faces her final hurdle in Bianca Andreescu, 18 years her junior, as she attempts to equal Margaret Court's record tally of 24 Majors

Serena		Andreescu
37	Age	19
72	Titles	2
\$90,643,816	Prize money	\$2,417,873
5' 9" (1.75 m)	Height	5' 7" (1.7 m)
1995	Turned pro	2017

**H2H:** In their only meeting in the 2019 Rogers Cup final, Serena retired with injury while trailing 3-1

## Road to the final

Serena Williams (USA)		Bianca Andreescu (Can)
bt Elina Svitolina (Ukr) 6-3, 6-1	Semifinals	bt Belinda Bencic (Swi) 7-6(3), 7-5
bt Qiang Wang (Chn) 6-1, 6-0	Quarterfinals	bt Elise Mertens (Bel) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3
bt Petra Martic (Cro) 6-3, 6-4	Round 4	bt Taylor Townsend (USA) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2
bt Karolina Muchova (Cze) 6-3, 6-2	Round 3	bt Caroline Wozniacki (Den) 6-4, 6-4
bt Catherine McNally (USA) 5-7, 6-3, 6-1	Round 2	bt Kirsten Flipkens (Bel) 6-3, 7-5
bt Maria Sharapova (Rus) 6-1, 6-1	Round 1	bt Katie Volynets (USA) 6-2, 6-4



It's just surreal. I really don't know what to say. It's a dream come true playing Serena in the finals of the US Open. It's crazy

BIANCA ANDREESCU

**1** Bianca Andreescu is the first woman to reach the final in her first appearance in the main draw at Flushing Meadows since Venus Williams in 1997

**2** Andreescu can tie Monica Seles' record of winning a Major (1990 French Open) in just her fourth appearance. Four other women have reached a Slam final in four appearances or less

**3** The 18-year age gap between Serena Williams and Andreescu is the biggest in the Open Era for a women's final, eclipsing the 17-year gap between Monica Seles (17) and Martina Navratilova (34) at the 1991 U.S. Open

**4** Serena Williams won her 1st Major in September 1999 at the US Open. Andreescu was born in June 2000

**5** Whenever Serena has finished runner-up at the US Open, she has emerged the champion the next year (lost in 2001, won in 2002; finalist in 2011, winner in 2012; in fact, made it a hat-trick by annexing the 2013 and '14 titles)

Slam title at the 1999 US Open – before Andreescu was even born – but has lost her last three Major finals since capturing the 2017 Australian Open crown while pregnant. She hasn't won the US Open since 2014.

Andreescu, who fell in US Open qualifying the past two years, continued her meteoric rise on her main draw debut in New York to overcome former Swiss prodigy Bencic. The 15th-seeded Canadian played catch-up for much of

the opening set and saved a set point at 4-5 with a forehand winner, but she rattled off the first five points of the tie-break and sealed it when Bencic swatted a forehand long.

Bencic, the 13th seed,

raced 5-2 ahead in the second set but Andreescu refused to buckle and reeled off the final five games to set up a rematch of last month's Toronto final against Serena, who retired from that clash with a back injury.

## THE RESULTS

**Semifinals:**  
**Women:** 8-Serena Williams (USA) bt 5-Elina Svitolina (Ukr) 6-3, 6-1; 15-Bianca Andreescu (Can) bt 13-Belinda Bencic (Sui) 7-6(3), 7-5.

# 'Happy to leave the team with strong middle-order'

It was a job I loved, creating conditions the batsmen would encounter: Bangar

VIJAY LOKAPALLY  
NEW DELHI

Sanjay Bangar's excellent tenure of five years with the Indian team as its batting coach came to an end with the recent 2-0 Test series in the West Indies.

He was offered an opportunity to reassert his position at a presentation but the Board picked former India opener Vikram Rathour. "I have no regrets because I gave my best and I wish Vikram the best too," said Bangar on his return from the West Indies.

Bangar joined the team in 2014 when Duncan Fletcher was the chief coach and served as the batting coach under Anil Kumble and Ravi Shastri. "They were obviously different. Duncan had a different view relating to batting technique, Kumble was amazingly methodical and Ravi was good in developing mental toughness. I learnt so much from them," Bangar told *The Hindu*.

## Immense pride

India was No. 5 in Test rankings and Bangar leaves with the team slotted at No 1. "We won 30 out of 52 Tests and 82 out of 122 ODIs. We were consistent (from 2014 to 2019) and beat all countries in their home conditions. I take immense pride in being part of this journey."

During the phase starting from 2015, the Indian team introduced the five-bowler theory in Tests. "It was a bold call which paid. To go in with five bowlers was possible because the batsmen coped with the challenge of playing with that additional responsibility. It was a ma-

jor shift in the way we played Test cricket. Six batsmen laid the foundation and our splendid attack worked wonderful victories," Bangar added.

## New trend

He cited the Adelaide Test of 2014. "We were set a target of 364 on the final day and Virat (Kohli) decided to go for the win. India was not playing for a draw and that was a big change of attitude. We lost the match but we had set a new trend of playing to win."

Bangar also pointed out the Test against South Africa at Johannesburg in 2018 when India won by 63 runs. "We had prepared well for the brute of a pitch, the quickest and sharpest we had faced in years. Batsmen were getting hit regularly but they hung in bravely. The batsmen earned praise from Nasser Hussain who felt no one should ever doubt Indian batsmen's ability to handle torrid pace."

Among his responsibilities which he loved was preparing the batsmen for a match. "It was a job that I loved, creating the conditions they would likely encounter – seaming, spinning and bouncy. Some of the batsmen had their insecurities but I worked with them to enhance their mental composure and help them rid of distractions and uncertainties without once confusing them. They stayed close to their natural game. I would identify their template and not allow them to drift away from it."

Looking back, Bangar, 46, noted, "I am happy to leave a team that boasts of a strong middle order in Test matches. There is depth in batting now due to regular contributions from the wicketkeeper and the lower-order. We need to strengthen our openers, especially in overseas conditions. There is little to worry on the bowling front. We have a rich collection there."

## 'No heated argument'

On his reported tiff with national selector Devang Gandhi, he said, "It is fictitious. I had a cordial exchange with him three days after the selection process was over. It was related to my presentation. There was no heated argument."



Sanjay Bangar. • FILE PHOTO

# Aussies strike through Hazlewood

England loses its way after half-centuries by Burns and Root



Through the gate: Jason Roy castled by a Josh Hazlewood special. • GETTY IMAGES

## THE ASHES

REUTERS  
MANCHESTER

Josh Hazlewood strengthened Australia's grip on the fourth Test at Old Trafford with a triple England wickets late on Friday's third day.

England was 200 for five when bad light ended play shortly before the scheduled close, still 297 behind Australia's imposing 497 for eight declared built on star batsman Steve Smith's commanding double century.

Fast bowler Hazlewood had figures of four for 48 in 20 overs, with England needing a further 98 runs just to avoid the follow-on. Ben Stokes (7) and Jonny Bairstow (2) were at the crease.

England was making steady progress during a third-wicket partnership of 141 between Rory Burns (81) and captain Joe Root (71). But Hazlewood removed both well-set batsmen before clean-bowling Jason Roy.

Victory in this match would see Australia retain the Ashes at 2-1 up with one to play in a five-Test series. Rain meant there was no play before lunch on Friday.

Malinga, who surpassed Pakistan spinner Shahid Afridi's tally of 97 scalps to become the leading T20 wicket-taker on Sunday, bowled Colin Munro for 12 to claim a century of wickets in his 76th match.

He went on to complete a hat-trick and took four wickets in four balls.

**The scores:** Sri Lanka 125 for eight (M. Gunathilka 30, M. Santner three for 12, T. Astle three for 28) bt New Zealand 88 (Sothee 28 n.o., Malinga six for five).

## SCOREBOARD

**Australia – 1st innings:** 497 for eight decl.

**England – 1st innings:** Rory Burns c Smith b Hazlewood 81, Joe Denly c Wade b Cummins 4, Craig Overton c Smith b Hazlewood 5, Joe Root lbw b Hazlewood 71, Jason Roy b Hazlewood 22, Ben Stokes (batting) 7, Jonny Bairstow (batting) 2; Extras: (lb-6, nb-2): 8; Total (for five wkts. in 74 overs): 200.  
**Fall of wickets:** 1-10, 2-25, 3-166, 4-175, 5-196.  
**Australia bowling:** Starc 11-5-41-0, Hazlewood 20-4-48-4, Cummins 17-4-37-1, Lyon 26-3-68-0.

# Malinga rocks New Zealand

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
KANDY

Lasith Malinga on Friday wreaked havoc after becoming the first bowler in T20Is to claim 100 wickets as he struck four times with four balls in the third and final Twenty20 international on Friday.

New Zealand was bowled out for 88 after it had restricted the hosts to 125 for eight.

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He went on to complete a hat-trick and took four wickets in four balls.

# Pawan sizzles for Bulls



Giving them the slip: Bengaluru Bulls captain Rohit Kumar escapes after a raid against Telugu Titans. • G.P. SAMPATH KUMAR

## PKL

N. SUDARSHAN  
BENGALURU

Pawan Kumar, with 23 points, saved Bengaluru Bulls' blushes yet again as it edged Telugu Titans 40-39 in the Pro Kabaddi League at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium on Friday.

With just seconds left and the scores locked at 38-38, Pawan came up with a 'super raid' to earn his side a

thrilling victory. However, Titans' Siddharth Desai (23 points) almost denied Bulls the triumph. From 27-35, he brought his team level to 36-36 in a matter of just two raids; one an 'all out' that fetched six points and another a 'super raid' for three.

Earlier in the evening, UP Yoddha, led by Shrikant Jadhav's 10 points, handed Patna Pirates its tenth defeat, beating the three-time winner 41-29.

# Spin legend Abdul Qadir passes away

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
LAHORE

Former Pakistan spinner Abdul Qadir, credited with reviving the art of leg-spin bowling in 1970s and 80s, passed away here on Friday after suffering a massive cardiac arrest. The cricketer is survived by his wife, four sons and a daughter who is married to current Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal.

Qadir played in 67 Tests and 104 ODIs for a total haul of 368 wickets.

Qadir was recognised for his unique angular bowling action. It started in a get-set-go mode where he would lick his lips and run in before delivering in his inimitable style.

## Duel with Tendulkar

But the fondest memories would certainly be related to a 16-year-old Sachin Tendulkar attacking him with great gusto during an exhibition match. Qadir, who was at the twilight of his career, repeatedly tossed it up and Tendulkar would just dance down the track to hit him for four sixes.

Qadir was a favourite of the Indian media and had been associated with many



Qadir. • THE HINDU ARCHIVES

channels as an expert. A raconteur-par-excellence, Qadir would narrate stories of the famous India-Pakistan cricket matches.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, who played alongside Qadir, tweeted "With his death I have lost a close friend and a teammate and that's hurtful. Qadir brightened Pakistan's name in cricket the world over and we will always remember (him) as a great player."

## Qadir in numbers

	M	Wkts	BBI	Ave	Econ	SR	4/5 wkts
<b>Tests</b>	67	236	9/56	32.8	2.71	72.5	12/15
<b>ODIs</b>	104	132	5/44	26.16	4.06	38.6	4/2

# India Red sitting pretty

Varied contributions help it to a handy lead over Green

## DULEEP TROPHY

ASHWIN ACHAL  
BENGALURU

India Red moved to a comfortable position on the third day of its Duleep Trophy final against India Green at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Friday. India Red finished the day on 345 for six, 114 runs ahead of India Green's first-innings total.

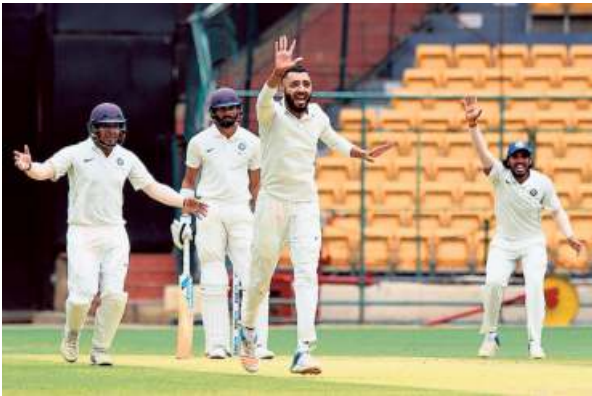
Abhimanyu Easwaran, 102 overnight, was taken out leg-before by left-arm seamer Tanveer Ul-Haq for 153. Abhimanyu displayed great footwork to the spinners, moving back to cut and advancing down to drive with confidence.

Ankit Kalsi, who made a cautious 133-ball 30, was prised out by left-arm spinner Dharmendrasinh Jadeja, who got the batsman to edge one from around the wicket.

## Unlucky

Mahipal Lomror (15, 36b, 3x4) was unlucky to be given out by umpire S. Ravi. Fast bowler Ankit Rajpoot, with the brand new cherry in hand, got one to dart back in and thud into Lomror's pads. Replays showed that the ball pitched outside leg.

Ishan Kishan was aggressive, lofting anything full over square-leg and mid-on.



**Gone!** India Green's Dharmendrasinh Jadeja gesticulates after ending Ankit Kalsi's patient vigil. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

The 21-year-old wicketkeeper looked set for a big one, until a poor shot cut his visit short.

Kishan slashed hard at a wide delivery, only to offer a catch to the 'keeper, Akshay Wadkar. A disappointed Kishan walked off after a brisk 56-ball 39. Kishan could not cash in on the life he received on 16, when Akshdeep Nath put down an easy chance at second slip.

Aditya Sarvate (30, batting) was happy to get on the front foot, and had the steady Jaydev Unadkat (10, batting) for company.

Rajpoot emerged as the most successful bowler with figures of three for 77. Leg-spinner Mayank Markande, suffering from a glute strain, did not take the field.

Rain affected play for the third day in succession. Intermittent showers allowed only 64 overs of action on a stop-start day.

## The scores:

**India Green – 1st innings:** 231.

**India Red – 2nd innings:** Priyank Panchal c Wadkar b Rajpoot 33, Abhimanyu Easwaran lbw Tanveer 153, Karun Nair b Markande 20, Ankit Kalsi c Wadkar b Jadeja 30, Mahipal Lomror lbw b Rajpoot 15, Ishan Kishan c Wadkar b Rajpoot 39, Aditya Sarvate (batting) 30, Jaydev Unadkat (batting) 10; Extras (nb-9, w-6): 15; Total (for six wkts. in 116 overs): 345.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-87, 2-126, 3-227, 4-251, 5-265, 6-326.

**India Green bowling:** Tanveer 23-5-63-1, Rajpoot 29-7-77-3, Mohanty 20-0-92-0, Jadeja 28-3-80-1, Markande 10-1-24-1, Shorey 6-0-9-0.

# Leclerc sets the pace

## ITALIAN GP

S. DIPAK RAGAV  
MONZA

Close on the heels of winning his maiden Grand Prix and ending Ferrari's win drought that dated back to the US GP last year, Charles Leclerc ensured the passionate tifosi had something to cheer about as the young Monégasque driver topped Friday's two free practice sessions.

On a day when both sessions were interrupted by rains that saw cars sliding across the fastest circuit on the calendar with Kimi Raikkonen and Sergio Perez having crashed in the morning session, the Ferrari looked at ease as the Italian team chases its first win at home since 2010.

Most drivers struggled on slippery conditions running wide and losing control of their cars and both sessions were stopped briefly with debris on track taking time to



Charles Leclerc. • GETTY IMAGES

be cleared.

## Ferrari favourite

On a circuit where there is a premium on horsepower and straight-line speeds, Ferrari goes into the weekend as favourites but Lewis Hamilton got his Mercedes with 0.068 seconds of the Leclerc in FP2 with Sebastian Vettel and Valtteri Bottas rounding out the top four.

Red Bull Honda finished fifth and sixth in FP2 with

Pierre Gasly (Toro Rosso), Romain Grosjean (Haas), Daniel Ricciardo (Renault), Daniil Kvyat (Toro Rosso) rounding up the top 10. McLaren who are currently fourth in the constructor's standings struggled in FP2 12th and 18th after being P2 and P3 in FP1.

Leclerc's time in FP2 time of 1:20:978 was 1.5 seconds slower on damp conditions than Raikkonen's world record time for the fastest lap in Formula One set here in 2018, but come Saturday, the Ferraris could well challenge last year's qualifying time.

Ferrari's de facto leader Sebastian Vettel who is chasing his first win since Belgium 2018, was once again off-colour as he struggled with eighth in FP1 and third in FP2, 2 tenths behind Leclerc. Vettel has been out-qualified in the last five races by the 21-year-old Leclerc who is in just his second season in F1.

(The writer is in Monza at the invitation of Petronas)



TV PICKS

**Badminton:** Chinese Taipei Open: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), 9.30 a.m.  
**Duleep Trophy:** (final), Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 9.30 a.m.  
**Bangladesh vs Afghanistan:** Only Test, Star Sports Select 1 (SD & HD), 9.30 a.m.  
**The Ashes:** Fourth Test, Sony Six (SD & HD), 3.30 p.m.  
**PKL:** Star Sports 1 & 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m.  
**US Open:** Star Sports Select 1 (SD & HD), 9.30 p.m.  
**Euro 2020 Qualifiers:** Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), 9.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)

IN BRIEF



Dustin Johnson undergoes knee surgery

LOS ANGELES  
World number three Dustin Johnson underwent knee surgery on Thursday but is expected to make a full recovery and will return to golf later this year, his management team said. A statement from Johnson's management said the former world number one had undergone a procedure in Fort Lauderdale, Florida to repair cartilage damage in his left knee. AFP

Payas Jain in final

ULANBAATAR (MONGOLIA): Seventh-seed Payas Jain stormed into the cadet boys' singles final of the 25th Asian junior and cadet table tennis championships, when he defeated South Korean Lin Yunoh 4-3 (15-13, 11-9, 9-11, 3-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-6) here on Friday. This will be the second medal for the Indians at the championships after the junior boys had clinched a silver medal. Jain will take on top-seed and world No. 1 Yuanyu Chen in the final on Saturday.



Joshua making changes for Ruiz rematch

NEW YORK  
Anthony Joshua says he has been forced to make "drastic changes" to his lifestyle in a bid to win back the heavyweight titles he lost to Andy Ruiz earlier this year. "There will be no aftershock after the first fight. I will be smarter. Getting knocked down was good. If I am smarter, I know I can pull it off. I don't want to say it will be 'Joshua 2.0' - I know what I was doing before was working, I just have to tweak little things and I will be perfect," he said. AFP

Haryana and TN advance

SPORTS BUREAU CUTTACK

Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Punjab and Maharashtra moved into the quarterfinals in the boys section in the National Sub-junior basketball championships here on Thursday.  
**The results (league):**  
**Boys:** Haryana 76 (Kapil 20, Sandeep 18, Himanshu Hooda 10) bt Uttar Pradesh 25, Maharashtra 71 (Shaik Taufiq 21, Amit Yadav 14) bt Punjab 61 (Rupanash Garg 16, Gurmaninder Sandu 12), Rajasthan 88 (Dhannjay Jhakhar 13, Ajay Kumar 12, Krithivardan Singh Rathore 12) bt Bihar 38 Tamil Nadu 61 (Harish Aravind 19, Abhimanyu 11) bt Chhattisgarh 49 (Sanju 23), West Bengal 67 (Shadman Maleave 16, Savd Wakeed 12) bt Goa 28 (Micam Pinto 15).  
**Girls:** Maharashtra 70 (N. Pragati 16, Anaya 14, M. Gunjan 11) bt Kerala 47 (Akshara10), Himachal Pradesh 39 (Milab 17, Chandna 11) bt Manipur 5, Chandigarh bt Goa 19-8, Uttar Pradesh 68 (Aanavi Vidhya Anand 16, Chavi Tomar 15, Deepikha 11) bt Chattisgarh 45 (Ishika15, Tanisha 11), Delhi 60 (Sahara Balwan 15, Harshita 14) bt Uttar Pradesh 45 (Deepikha Choudary 11, Kerala 65 (Meiza Luis 21, Tiyyonna Ann Philip 16) bt Punjab 60 (Tarushi Bati 16).

Sanju stars in India-A's win

The visitors come up with a timid show in a truncated contest



True champion: The India-A team which clinched the series 4-1 against South Africa-A. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SA-A IN INDIA

M.R. PRAVEEN CHANDRAN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Sanju Samson made atonement in front of his home crowd and his splendid knock of 91 set up India-A's fourth win against South Africa-A in the fifth unofficial one-day match here on Thursday.

Heavy rain in the morning and wet outfield turned the 50-overs contest into a T20 affair.

Chasing a stiff target of 205 off 20 overs, the visitors again put up a timid show to make 168 to give India-A victory by 36 runs

Sanju walked in after opener Prashant Chopra (2) fell in the first over. He got into his groove early and slammed Lutho Sipamla over midwicket for his first boundary.

Dhawani's support role

Shikhar Dhawan played the supporting role as Sanju tore into the attack. Both Junior Dala and Marco Jansen bore the brunt of Sanju's attack as he raced to his fifty off 27 balls. A century was for his

taking but Sanju holed out to Janneman Malan at sweeper cover off George Linde.

Shikhar Dhawan (51) was circumspect after taking a hit on the neck as he tried to play the ramp shot off Beuran Hendricks. 'However, he slowly found his rhythm to reach his second consecutive fifty. He fell soon after, charging at spinner Linde.

But his 137-run stand with Sanju for the second wicket flattened the visitors. Captain Shreyas Iyer cameo's enabled the hosts set the visitors a daunting target.

Early wickets

The South Africa-A chase was scuppered by the fall of early wickets. However, Kyle Verreynne and Reeza Hendricks took on the Indian spinners to raise hopes.

Kyle (44) played a few audacious strokes before Washington Sundar had him caught at deep to end the threatening third-wicket stand. Reeza Hendricks played well for his half-century but didn't get enough support from his teammates.

The Indian medium-pac-

ers were incisive at the death and brought a swift end to the innings.

Sanju relieved

Sanju Samson was a relieved man after his match-winning knock of 91.

"I have been working hard on my game in the last four months and it was one of those days when everything fell in place.

"I should thank the team management for promoting me. It was an important knock for me and I am a little disappointed that I couldn't score a hundred," he said.

Sanju said battling with Shikhar Dhawan eased his nerves.

"He put me at ease when I walked to the crease. He encouraged me to go for my shots and told me which bowlers I should attack. I really enjoyed batting with him."

The scores:

**India-A:** Prashant Chopra c Klaasen b Beuran Hendricks 2, Shikhar Dhawan c Verrenne b Linde 51, Sanju Samson c Malan b Linde 91, Shreyas Iyer c Reeza Hendricks b Beuran Hendricks 36, Shubman Gill (not out) 10,

Shivam Dube (not out) 0; Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-7, nb-1): 14; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 204.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-2, 2-137, 3-160, 4-202.

**South Africa-A bowling:** Beuran Hendricks 4-0-29-2, Lutho Sipamla 4-0-36-0, Marco Jansen 4-0-48-0, George Linde 4-0-43-2, Junior Dala 4-0-42-0.

**South Africa-A:** Janneman Malan c Shreyas b Shardul 16, Reeza Hendricks c Shreyas b Chahar 59, Temba Bavuma c Sanju b Porel 6, Kyle Verreynne c Shardul b Washington 44, Heinrich Klaasen c Shreyas b Deshpande 14, Sinethemba Qeshile c (sub) b Shardul 16, George Linde c Gill b Dube 1, Marco Jansen b Shardul 0, Beuran Hendricks run out 1, Junior Dala c Gill b Washington 1, Lutho Sipamla (not out) 2; Extras (lb-3, w-3, nb-2): 8; Total (in 20 overs): 168.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-19, 2-26, 3-95, 4-143, 5-148, 6-162, 7-162, 8-164, 9-164.

**India-A bowling:** Shardul Thakur 3-0-9-3, Ishan Porel 3-0-26-1, Tushar Deshpande 3-0-28-1, Rahul Chahar 4-0-38-1, Washington Sundar 4-0-39-2, Shivam Dube 3-0-25-1.

**MoM:** Sanju Samson.

India-A won by 36 runs to clinch five-match series 4-1.

CoA extends date for State associations' election

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

The Committee of Administrations (CoA) extended the date from Sept. 14 to 28 for State cricket associations to conduct own elections, as per a media release from the BCCI. The Board elections will be held as scheduled on Oct. 22. The extension of date is in response to requests from State units.

The CoA further asked the State associations to prepare a list of representatives for the BCCI elections and communicate the same on Sept. 28. Further, the State associations have been directed to submit amended constitutions (in compliance with the Supreme Court judge-

ment on Aug. 9, 2018) for approval to the CoA, which met at the BCCI headquarters here.

The directions issued:

1. The date for election remains unaltered and will take place on October 22, 2019.

2. Deadline for completion of State associations' elections is extended from Sept. 14 to 28 and no further extensions will be feasible, since the notice of the AGM for BCCI elections has to be issued 21 days prior (to Oct. 22), which is Sept. 30. The State associations are required to send the names of their representatives to the Board for the BCCI election on Sept. 28.

3. All State associations which have not already submitted amended constitutions for approval to the CoA; and/or appointed electoral officer for conducting the elections; and/or issued the notice for conduct of elections, are required to complete all of the aforesaid on or before Sept. 12.

The CoA will neither take cognisance of any request for extension of time from State associations or their electoral officers who do not complete all the three conditions before the Sept. 12 deadline, nor entertain any request to vet the constitution or amended versions thereof submitted beyond the said deadline.

Nabi to quit Test cricket

IAN S CHITTAGONG

Afghanistan all-rounder Mohammad Nabi will bring curtains down to his Test career after the ongoing one-off match against Bangladesh being played at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium.

"Yes, he (Nabi) will retire after the ongoing Test match," Afghanistan team manager Nazim Jar Abdurrahimzai confirmed.

It is understood that Nabi has taken this decision in a bid to prolong his white-ball career.

Including the ongoing Test, the 34-year-old has featured in only three red-ball matches.

A right-handed batsman and a handy off-spinner, Nabi's game in white-ball cricket, especially in T20s, remains in good stead and he will be a key component of the Afghanistan team in next year's T20 World Cup scheduled in Australia.

Navy is the team to beat

MURUGAPPA HOCKEY

K. KEERTHIVASAN CHENNAI

A star-studded Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) hasn't played very well, even the team management admitted it as much. A few of its players fell ill on arrival, a few have injuries. As a team that adjusts to the situation and plays well within its limitations, IOC has done that reasonably well.

When it takes on Central Secretariat (CST) in the semifinals of the MCC-Murugappa Gold Cup All-India hockey tournament here on Saturday, it will hope its star players – all internationals including Deepak Thakur, V.R. Raghunath, S.K. Uthappa, Affan Yousuf, Gurjinder Singh and Roshan Minz – rise to the occasion and make it count.

After a moderate performance, CST upped the ante in a must-win match against Punjab and Sind Bank, with a thumping show. But it will have to come up with so-

mething special to overcome IOC.

Under the radar

Punjab National Bank (PNB) was under the radar in its first two matches. It lost badly to Bengaluru HA, but slowly got into the groove with a win over Air Force. Against Indian Army, it played to a wonderful structure, defending well and attacking in waves.

Mandeep Mor showed why he is rated so high with a wonderful drag flick against IOC in their last group match for a 3-3 draw, a goal that ensured it reached the knock-out.

PNB's head coach Romesh Pathania will hope his team puts up a strong show against Indian Navy, which has been the best team, without a doubt.

Possessing only a junior International in Sunny Malik, Navy has been exceptional. If the performance in the group stages is any indication, Navy will be the team to beat.

SCOREBOARD

Afghanistan — 1st innings:

Ibrahim Zadran c Mahmudullah b Taijul 21, Ihsanullah Janat b Taijul 9, Rahmat Shah c Soumya b Nayeem 102, Hashmatullah Shahidi c Soumya b Mahmudullah 14, Asghar Afghan c Mushfiqur b Taijul 92, Mohammad Nabi b Nayeem 0, Afsar Zazai b Taijul 41, Rashid Khan c & b Mehidy 51, Qais Ahmad c Mominul b Shakib 9, Yamin Ahmadzai c Soumya b Shakib 0, Zahir Khan (not out) 0; Extras (lb-1, nb-2): 3; Total (in 117 overs): 342.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-19, 2-48, 3-77, 4-197, 5-197, 6-278, 7-299, 8-322, 9-327.

**Bangladesh bowling:** Taijul 41-5-116-4, Shakib 22-1-64-2, Mehidy 28-5-73-1, Nayeem 13-0-43-2, Mahmudullah 4-0-9-1, Soumya 4-0-26-0, Mominul 4-

0-9-0, Mosaddek 1-0-1-0.

Bangladesh — 1st innings:

Shadman Islam c Zazai b Ahmadzai 0, Soumya Sarkar lbw b Nabi 17, Liton Das b Rashid 33, Mominul Haque c Asghar b Nabi 52, Shakib Al Hasan lbw b Rashid 11, Mushfiqur Rahim c Zadran b Rashid 0, Mahmudullah b Rashid 7, Mosaddek Hossain (batting) 44, Mehidy Hasan b Qais 11, Taijul Islam (batting) 14; Extras (b-4, lb-1): 5; Total (for eight wkts. in 67 overs): 194.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-0, 2-38, 3-54, 4-88, 5-88, 6-104, 7-130, 8-146.

**Afghanistan bowling:** Ahmadzai 10-2-21-1, Nabi 22-6-53-2, Zahir 9-1-46-0, Rashid 18-3-47-4, Qais 8-2-22-1.

Afghanistan on top

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE CHITTAGONG

Spin sensation Rashid Khan starred with bat and ball on Friday as Afghanistan took command in the one-off Test against Bangladesh here.

Rashid hit 51 off 61 balls to take Afghanistan to 342 in its first innings and then claimed four for 47 to leave Bangladesh struggling at 194 for eight at stumps on the second day.

Mominul Haque scored the only half-century for Bangladesh, 52 off 71 balls, while Mosaddek Hossain remained unbeaten on 44.

Hat-trick of wins for BKSP

SUBROTO CUP

ANANT KAUR NEW DELHI

Defending champion Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan (BKSP) thrashed Nilmani English School, Manipur 4-0 in the Diamond jubilee edition of Subroto Cup girls (under-17) final and achieved a hat-trick of championship wins at the Ambedkar Stadium.

Bangladesh dominated from the start and Aklima Akter, the top scorer of the tournament with 11 goals from six matches, netted in the 19th minute. Shirina Akter made it 2-0 just before the first half for BKSP.

The second half, started with Nilmani English School, Manipur trying to take the game to BKSP but it didn't have much success.

Bangladesh held its ground and defended the goal by maintaining a very strong formation at the back.

In the 55th minute Sapna Rani gave Bangladeshi a 3-0 lead. Two minutes before the final whistle Aklima scored her second goal of the match.

The winning coach, Jaya Chakma was happy with the team's performance and



Champions: Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan won the junior girls (U-17) Subroto Cup tournament. ■SANDEEP SAXENA

said, "I told my team you have to take every match like it is your final match of the tournament and you have to win this tournament. You suffer for only one hour and lead the rest of your life as champions."

Lack of communication

Manipur captain L Rejya reflected on the loss, "It was lack of communication in the final today and we were not well acquainted with the playing conditions here but I told my team don't lose hope, just keep playing."

The top scorer striker, Aklima, maintained her performance throughout the tournament.

She said, "I was very hap-

py with my execution today and wanted to make an impression in the match.

"I wanted to keep the momentum going. I dream of playing in my national team someday."

**The result:** Bangladesh Krida Shiksha Prothishtan 4 (Aklima Akter 2, Shirina Akter, Sapna Rani) bt Nilmani English School, Manipur 0

The individual awards:

**Best goalkeeper:** Surudhani Kisku, BKSP, Bangladesh; **Best Player:** Afeida Khandaker, BKSP, Bangladesh; **Best Coach:** Jaya Chakma, BKSP, Bangladesh; **Most Contributing School for Football:** Nilmani English School, Manipur; **Fair Play Award** - Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai.

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# Gill well prepared for Turkey WRC test

‘I am even more hungry after I got the Arjuna Award’

## MOTORSPORTS

RAYAN ROZARIO  
COIMBATORE

With the prestigious Arjuna Award in his hand, India's most-celebrated rally driver Gaurav Gill will rev it up further when he takes on the best in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC-2), the Rally of Turkey, next week.

“I am even more hungry after I got the Arjuna Award. Despite various limitations, Indians can do better given their dedication and commitment,” Gill told *The Hindu* from Delhi.

The JK Tyre supported driver said it's not going to be a delightful journey as the rally is known to be notorious for its roughness. “It's one of the roughest in the world. The rough and the high speed can be a lethal combination and, the cars don't like it,” he said.

But the three-time APRC champion is still confident of a strong finish. “It's going to be hot and humid but I believe it's a level playing field as the conditions are similar in India. I am keeping myself



Looking ahead: Gaurav Gill is confident that he has the goods to deliver on the world stage. \*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

fit as usual and I am hoping to be finish among the top five.”

### Acclimatising

Interestingly, Gill has been doing a lot of running in the afternoons and going through sauna sessions to get used to the condition.

The Delhi star will be driving a 1.6 Turbo R5 developed by M-Sport. “It's a brand new car and I will be testing it the whole day through on Sep-

tember 9 in Turkey. It's not an ideal amount of practise but I am prepared,” he said.

Gill had taken part in four rallies – Italy, Finland, Wales and Australia last year as an unregistered driver. He won 11 stages despite facing challenges, underlining his prowess and skill at the top level.

But, this time around, he will be competing as a registered driver for the first time and will be picking up cham-

pionship points.

Sanjay Sharma, head of motorsport JK Tyre, was equally confident of Gill delivering the goods. “He has got the best team, the best car and the best technical package and above all we have the best driver. We shortlisted this event as it best suits him. We have made a good choice and I know for sure that he will give his 200 per cent.”

“I have worked with Gill

briefly last year and it's great to be able to continue that collaboration with him again this year. He is a talented driver with a lot of potential and we're all looking forward to seeing how he progresses in the championship,” said Richard Millener, the team principal.

### Feted

Later, Gill was felicitated by JK Tyre Motorsport for his Arjuna Award in Delhi. The company's marketing director Vikram Malhotra congratulated the champion, declaring the award as a watershed moment for Indian motorsport.

“This will change the way all stakeholders will look at Indian motorsport. Youngsters can hope for brighter prospects in the sport as schools and colleges will acknowledge Gaurav's recognition and will treat it at par with any other sport,” said Mr. Sanjay.

The Rally of Turkey will see the drivers cover a total distance of over 988.50 kms with 310.10 kms earmarked for 17 special stages.

# Mikail lights up day's proceedings

Grabs pole with a blistering lap

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
CHENNAI

Fifteen-year old Md. Mikail from Chennai lit up the fourth and penultimate round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI National motorcycle racing championship by setting a record of sorts at the MMRT here on Friday and grabbed pole position in the Honda NSF 250R category while TVS Racing's ace rider Jagan Kumar qualified first in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc category.

Also qualifying for pole positions in their respective National championship categories were Ann Jennifer of Sparks Racing (girls, Stock 165cc), Idemitsu Honda Ten10 Racing's Anish Shetty (Pro-Stock 201-300cc) and Venkatesan I (novice, Stock 165cc) of Team Motomaniac.

Mikail, riding the FIM Moto3-spec NSF 250R bike in the Idemitsu Honda Talent Cup one-make championship, clocked a blistering lap of 1 minute, 47.887secs around the 3.717-km MMRT circuit in the qualifying session.

It was the fastest lap ever



Red hot: Md. Mikail raced the fastest lap ever in a National championship for bikes up to 250cc. \*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

in a National championship event for bikes up to 250cc.

Second behind Mikail, who is full time into racing and studies from home, was another Chennai teenager, Varoon Sadasivam (1:49.327) with Pune's 12-year-old Sarthak Shrikant Chavan (1:51.342) qualifying third.

### Happy

“I am very happy with my qualifying session, but I am working hard to do even better,” said Mikail, who is leading the championship in his category.

Earlier, international Ra-

jiv Sethu (Idemitsu Honda

Ten10 Racing), leading the championship in the Pro-Stock 165cc class, put the hammer down by topping the free practice session with a lap time of 1:59.115s, pipping his closest rival, TVS Racing's Jagan Kumar (1:59.239). Sethu's teammate Sarath Kumar, also in the championship reckoning and trailing Jagan by just one point, was third quickest in 02:00.103, ahead of TVS Racing's Kevin Kannan (02:01.102). The qualifying session is scheduled for Saturday.

# ‘We deserved more from the game’

Despite the reverse, Stimac says he is proud of his players

## FOOTBALL

ANIRUDH VELAMURI  
GUWAHATI

The defensive mistakes that have been India's undoing early in Igor Stimac's Indian reign came back to punish the team in the first FIFA World Cup qualifier against Oman here on Thursday.

Being in control for the entirety of the first half and taking the lead through a cleverly-worked training ground routine mattered for little with the two late goals conceded.

“We're very sad, deserved more from this game. We could have scored many in the first half and finished the game before the break,” he said, reflecting on the game. “My players made me proud, the way they fought and ran for 70 minutes. But the game is for 90 minutes, not 70.”

Sunil Chhetri put India ahead in the first half but there was little threat to the Oman goal from elsewhere.

For all the attacking play, it was Chhetri the team turned to, to take it across the line.

### Inexperience in scoring

“We didn't have enough experience in scoring. We always depend on Sunil for goals,” he said, before adding, “But I can't blame



Coach'speak: Igor Stimac says the loss against Oman was about experience and not fitness. \*RITU RAJ KONWAR

anyone. The players gave their all.”

On what went wrong in the final minutes, he said, “The defence was losing its shape and that (the closing minutes) was the time we need to be patient. Keep possession, hold onto the lead and wait for counters. We didn't and we paid the price.”

In the end, what made the difference was the experience Oman had. India looked the fitter side but the visitor made its few chances count.

“My players, they can run. But this loss is about experience, not fitness. From the 70th minute mark, we made the mistake of running too much without passing.

We should've made the opponent run and chase, we didn't,” he said.

With India's toughest game, away to Qatar, coming up in five days, there isn't much time to regroup. But the Croatian believes that his team is already over the Oman result and is looking forward to the game on September 10.

“Motivating? Done. We start preparing (for Qatar) from this moment. They are the strongest team and have the strongest league in Asia.”

On what to expect from India, he said, “We will change four or five players, will see how they are. But we have no reason to fear, we will try to play good football and try to score.”

# Prajnesh falls to Go Soeda

SPORTS BUREAU  
JINAN (CHINA)

Top seed Prajnesh Gunneswaran was beaten 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-3 by Go Soeda of Japan in the quarterfinals of the \$162,480 Challenger tennis tournament here on Friday.

In the ITF men's Futures in Thailand, fourth seed Sidharth Rawat set up a semifinal against top seed Dayne Kelly of Australia, with a 7-6(1), 6-1 victory over George Loffhagen of Britain.

**The results:** **\$162,480 Challenger, Jinan, China: Quarterfinals:** Go Soeda (Jpn) bt Prajnesh Gunneswaran 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-3. **Doubles (semifinals):** Matthew Ebden (Aus) & Divij Jeevan bt Saketh Myneni & Jeevan Nedunchiezhayan 6-4, 6-2.

**\$15,000 ITF men, Hua Hin, Thailand: Quarterfinals:** Sidharth Rawat bt George Loffhagen (GBR) 7-6(1), 6-1; Makoto Ochi (Jpn) bt Nitin Kumar Sinha 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

**\$60,000 ITF women, Changsha, China: Doubles (semifinals):** Xinyu Jiang & Qianhui Tang (Chn) bt Jessy Rompies (Ina) & Prarthana Thombare 7-5, 6-4; Erika Sema (Jpn) & Rutuja Bhosale bt Jia-Qi Kang (Chn) & Peangtarn Plipuech (Tha) 7-6(4), 6-2.

**\$15,000 ITF women, Tabarka, Tunisia: Doubles (quarterfinals):** Nadia Echeverria Alam (Ven) & Anna Popescu (GBR) bt Coralie Garrigues (Fra) & Likhitha Kalava 6-3, 6-3.

# Manu credits it to sheer will and hard work

Successful Indian shooting contingent feted by SAI

ANANT KAUR  
NEW DELHI

India's unprecedented success in the ISSF World Cup held in Rio De Jinerio, Brazil has brought accolades for the country. The Indian contingent won a total of nine medals – five gold, two silver and two bronze.

This year it has already won a total of 22 medals in ISSF World Cups – which includes 16 gold – and has emerged as the most successful nation.

At a felicitation function by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) here on Friday, all the shooters were gleaming with joy as they have performed successfully and secured nine quota places for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics till now.

Manu Bhaker, who won the mixed 10m air pistol gold with Saurabh Chaudhary, credited sheer will, hard work and a little bit of luck which helped them win



Happy times: Union Minister for Sports Kiren Rijiju interacts with the shooters at the felicitation function. \*ANANT KAUR

gold. “I couldn't perform well in the China World Cup but in Munich I did very well. In Rio also we were down 9-15 in the final round but we could manage to hit the targets well and eventually won it. We were just one point away from defeat,” Bhaker told *The Hindu*.

Making note of the good and bad points in the competitions has worked well for Elavenil Valarivan. It has not only helped her in assessing performances but also win a gold medal in 10m air rifle. She said, “I was able to put up lot of things in the competition which I was working

on and I have improved a lot since I became a part of the senior team. Their experiences helped me grow as a shooter.”

### Rijiju applauds

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju applauded the shooters and said, “I am extremely delighted to receive our shooting team from the World Cup and the amount of medals and honour they have brought for the country is commendable.”

Praising the performances of all the shooters NRAI president Raninder Singh said, “With talent, training and opportunity they have proved everything is possible. It is the gun which speaks.”

Patiala Sports University has tied up with a UK university to improve the performances of the shooters as India needs more practical coaches and not theoretical added the NRAI chief.

# Spain and Italy made to sweat in Euro Qualifiers

Both maintain perfect starts after fighting past Romania & Armenia respectively

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
PARIS

Spain took a step closer to qualification for Euro 2020 on Thursday after surviving a scare in Romania to win 2-1 and continue its 100% record, while Italy also kept its perfect start with a 3-1 win in Armenia.

A Sergio Ramos first half penalty and a beautiful team goal finished off by Paco Alcacer were just about enough for Spain in Bucharest, and made its record five wins from five to maintain its five-point lead at the top of Group 'F' in its first match since Luis Enrique stepped down as coach.

Spain is followed by Sweden, which is on 10 points after thumping the Faroe Islands 4-0, and Norway a further two points back after its comfortable 2-0 over Malta.

Earlier Italy strengthened its grip on Group 'J' after coming from behind to see off Armenia thanks to a Andrea Belotti brace and Lorenzo Pellegrini's first international goal. Roberto Mancini's side is three points ahead of second-placed Finland, 1-0 victor over Greece



Slotting it in: Paco Alcacer scores Spain's second goal during the Euro 2020 Group F qualifying match against Romania \*AP

thanks to a Teemu Pukki penalty, and seven ahead of Bosnia and Herzegovina in third after the win in Yerevan, which came despite the Italians trailing after 11 minutes when Aleksandre Karapetyan scored.

Belotti tapped in Emerson Palmieri's cross to put Italy level on 28 minutes before Karapetyan went from hero to villain by being sent off in first half stoppage time for a

second yellow card.

Belotti doubled his tally 10 minutes from time after substitute Pellegrini had put the away side in the lead.

**The results: Group D:** Republic of Ireland 1 (McGoldrick 85) drew with Switzerland 1 (Schar 74); Gibraltar 0 lost to Denmark 6 (Skov 6, Eriksen 34-pen, 50-pen, Delaney 69, Gytkjaer 73, 78).

**Group F:** Romania 1 (Andone 59) lost to Spain 2 (Ramos 29-

pen, Alcacer 47); Norway 2 (Berge 34, King 45+1-pen) bt Malta 0; Faroe Islands 0 lost to Sweden 4 (Isak 12, 15, Lindelof 23, Qualson 41).

**Group G:** Israel 1 (Zahavi 55) drew with North Macedonia 1 (Ademi 64).

**Group J:** Armenia 1 (Karapetyan 11) lost to Italy 3 (Belotti 28, 80, Pellegrini 77); Finland 1 (Pukki 52-pen) bt Greece 0; Bosnia & Herzegovina 5 (Gokjak 11, 89, Malin 80-go, Dzeko 85, Visca 87) bt Liechtenstein 0.

# Akanksha stretches Vaidehi Chaudhari

## TENNIS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Second seed Vaidehi Chaudhari had to really sweat it out in hot and humid conditions to get past Akanksha Nitture 7-5, 2-6, 7-5 in the quarterfinals of the Asian Tour women's tennis tournament here on Friday.

In a battle of wits that could have gone either way, it was Vaidehi's determination that clinched her the contest, as both the players were equally impressive with their strong games.

### Deception

It was commendable that the eleventh standard student from Navi Mumbai, Akanksha was able to play so calmly and with so much deception to tease the more



Battle of wits: Second seed Vaidehi Chaudhari had to use her experience to defeat Akanksha Nitture in three sets. \*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

experienced Vaidehi.

Vaidehi had the mobility on court and punch in her strokes but could not serve out the match at 5-4, and la-

ter missed a match point before closing it out.

In the semifinals, Vaidehi will play Yubarani Banerjee, another young player of con-

# Argentina-Chile friendly ends in stalemate

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LOS ANGELES

Argentina and Chile ground out a 0-0 draw here on Thursday in a niggly friendly international between the two South American rivals.

Argentina, missing the suspended Lionel Messi and several other European-based stars including Sergio Aguero and Angel di Maria, enjoyed the better chances but was unable to find a goal.

Chile, with Alexis Sanchez leading its attack, was similarly uninspired in front of

Referee Jair Marrufo showed no fewer than 10 yellow cards in an often ill-tempered contest.



Mid-field action: Nicolas Dominguez of Argentina, left, and Sebastian Vegas of Chile vie for the ball. \*AFP